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Falling pound fuels fear of mortgage rise

Turmoil on exchanges could trigger increase

- There were fears of further interest rate rises last night as the pound fell sharply on foreign exchanges
- City economists were predicting that the Chancellor would introduce a 15 per cent level to protect sterling
- Such a rise would be likely to trigger the building societies to increase rates for mortgages by the end of the summer
- Economists say that defending the pound at present levels is crucial to government efforts to control inflation

By George Sivell

The pound fell heavily on foreign exchanges yesterday, raising fears in the City that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will be forced to raise interest rates again this week — possibly even today.

A rise in base rates to 15 per cent would trigger a further increase in mortgage rates before the end of the summer.

City economists were forecasting last night that a rise from 14 to 15 per cent may be forced on the UK authorities as early as today if sterling continues to fall amid the current turmoil on foreign exchanges. The first interest rate rise in Japan for nine years, by 0.75 percentage points to 3.25 per cent, was

supposed to have calmed the dollar yesterday, but it appears merely to have increased pressure on the pound.

And any further rise in UK interest rates is almost certain to force up mortgage rates. Last week's surprise rise from 13 to 14 per cent left building societies saying that they could hold mortgages at the present 13.5 per cent rate for a couple of months.

But a rise to 15 per cent seems likely to force them into acting much sooner — es-

said that it would try to hold the mortgage rate, "but it will be much harder".

The Halifax said that there would not be any increase before July 1, but "it is unlikely that we could hold the mortgage rate as it is — anyway we do not believe that rates will move".

Last Wednesday's rise in base rates was triggered when the pound fell to 93.1 as measured by the Bank of England's trade-weighted index. Heavy support by the bank last week kept the index up above 93.0, taking it to 93.4 by the weekend.

But yesterday, the index fell steeply — by 0.9 points to 92.5 — as the Bank of England stood back from world moves to take the heat out of the dollar. The large fall in the index was a sure sign to many City economists that a further base rate rise is imminent.

Against the US dollar, the pound fell a further 3.1 cents to close at \$1.5573, against the mark at DM3.1355 — down 2.61 pfennigs on the day.

Economists say that defending the pound at present levels is absolutely crucial to the Government's efforts to drive down inflation. City economists forecast that if sterling is allowed to slide, then the retail price index could easily top 10 per cent later this year.

Analysts, using simulations of the Treasury economic model, already predict that inflation will top 9 per cent later this summer. If sterling is allowed to fall further, the model points to double-figure inflation, a severe embarrassment to the Government.

The rise of the dollar and the assault on other currencies, most notably the pound, have led to renewed calls for co-ordinated action by the Group of Seven, the world's leading industrial nations, which appears deeply divided over policy.

But economists gave a warning that there were sharp divisions among US policymakers which could cause the US Federal Reserve to resist pressures to cut interest rates in order to cool demand for the dollar.

Kremlin drops threat to British staff cuts

By Andrew McEwen

The Soviet Union yesterday dropped its implied threat to force British businessmen and journalists to Moscow to dismiss their Soviet employees.

The move came amid signs that both countries were anxious to end a row caused by the mutual expulsion of diplomats and journalists.

The Foreign Office said last night: "At the present stage it seems unlikely that Soviet employees of business organizations and newspapers will have to give up their jobs".

The threat was implied by a quota of 205 which Moscow imposed on the total staff of

the British Embassy and other British organizations in Moscow. The ceiling was part of its response to the British decision to expel 11 Soviet diplomats and three journalists.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, said yesterday that the quota would apply only to British diplomats and their Soviet support staff and British journalists accredited in Moscow. It would not apply to businessmen, Britons working in joint ventures or Soviet support staff working for British firms, including news organizations.

Scientists gagged at seminar on King's Cross fire

By Tony Dawe

Scientists who have made important discoveries about possible causes of the King's Cross Underground fire have been prevented from speaking at a top-level seminar on the disaster.

The scientists at the London Transport Research Laboratory have been told by London Underground to keep silent because the company does not wish to add to controversy about the fire in which 31 died.

Tests carried out since the official report into the disaster was published last November have found fresh evidence about toxic fumes, which caused many of the deaths, and about the fireball in the ticket hall.

Some of the scientists will attend a seminar on Thursday organized by

the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. However, most of the papers will deal with research carried out before publication of the official report by Mr Desmond Fennell, QC.

Specialists from the Health and Safety Executive and the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, Oxfordshire, will explain the "trench effect" which they believe caused the fireball. Their studies showed that when the initial small fire spread across the escalator, the flames were laid down between the sides and spread up the steps as though along a trench before erupting in the ticket hall. The scientists blamed wooden components for fuelling the fire.

However, tests by London Transport scientists showed that anti-

The Director of Public Prosecutions will not bring charges over the King's Cross fire because of insufficient evidence. However, the matter has been referred to the Department of Transport's Railway Inspectorate who will decide whether a case should be brought under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

graffiti paint on the ceiling of the escalator played a big part in the fire and was responsible for the cyanide fumes which struck many of the victims before the fireball.

A report by Mr Gary Duggan, London Transport's materials adviser, said tests at the Health and Safety Executive laboratory showed

"the ceiling paint, when combined with a developing trench fire, was the major source of smoke and toxic fume (hydrogen cyanide)". In further trials at London Transport's research rig at White City, west London, the scientists recreated the fireball for the first time in tests. They found that paint used in the tests fuelled the fire, although they admitted it was a different type to that used on the ceiling of the King's Cross escalator shaft.

The scientists are prevented by contract from speaking out. The company said: "We are concentrating on implementing the recommendations of the Fennell report." It confirmed tests were continuing to ensure hazardous materials were eliminated from the Underground.

The face of Liberty in Peking



Peking students erecting a replica of the Statue of Liberty in Tiananmen Square yesterday as the first arrests since the imposition of martial law came to light. The official Peking Daily said that three people had been arrested in connection with the recent demonstrations. They are thought to include a leader of the unofficial union.

The newspaper and the official New China News Agency also reported the arrest of 11 members of a motorcycle squad which assisted student leaders. The agency said they had been arrested for disturbing public order. The arrests prompted a sit-in outside police headquarters by more than 100 students.

The 30 ft statue attracted tens of thousands of people and helped students to reawaken interest in their campaign for greater democracy. Its torch pointing directly to the portrait of Mao Tse-tung on the Tiananmen gate. At one point more than 100,000 people gathered, but numbers fell later. The voluntary withdrawal of student leaders seemed less likely.

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Heath cry of 'liar' in war of words

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Conservative leaders were striving last night to contain the damage to their European election campaign caused by Mr Edward Heath's torrent of attacks. The tirade culminated yesterday in a claim that Mr Peter Brooke, the party chairman, was a liar.

Mr Heath's charge, later modified, stung Mr Brooke into suggesting he be expelled, while some of his oldest colleagues, including Lord Whitelaw, denounced his behaviour.

But a defiant Mr Heath stuck by his allegation that a "dirty tricks" campaign was being waged against him. He denied Central Office claims that some Conservative election candidates did not want him to join their campaign.

He accused Mr Kenneth Baker and Mr Douglas Hurd, Cabinet ministers who led the attack on him after a speech in



Tube men plan more disruption

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

London Underground drivers were last night planning to ignore the advice of union officials and stage another stoppage tomorrow in pursuit of their £64-a-week pay rise claim.

Mr Derrick Fullick, general secretary designate of train drivers' union, ASLEF, yesterday appealed to the drivers to suspend their action until they knew the result of today's meeting of his executive, who may decide to hold an official ballot for industrial action.

Mr Fullick said that because of the holiday his message may have been too late to prevent more than two million passengers being affected by a fifth unofficial strike.

He said he had "no idea" how to contact the unofficial strike leaders who have decided to bypass their union.

Bush savours his triumph in healing rift on Nato missiles

From Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, Brussels

President Bush flew to Bonn yesterday, satisfied that he had left behind a Nato no longer divided by the row over short-range nuclear missiles, and that his arms-cut initiative had "transformed" the Nato summit.

After months of argument which threatened to stretch beyond the fortieth anniversary gathering, a compromise was reached which enabled Mr Bush to declare that no alliance meeting had ever ended with such unity.

All the leaders made a point of praising him for his leadership, especially Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, who thanked both Mr Bush and President Mitterrand of France for their friendship and understanding.

He made no mention of Mrs Thatcher, but the omission caused no surprise since, even after the summit had ended, Mrs Thatcher and Herr Kohl appeared to be taking different positions on the meaning of the carefully drafted text relating to future negotiations on short-range nuclear missiles.

The compromise worked out by the foreign ministers in the early hours of Tuesday morning consisted of an agreement that negotiations on "partial" reductions in missiles could begin once implementation of a conventional arms treaty was "under way".

No actual cuts in Nato's 88 Lance systems would take effect, however, until after the conventional arms agreement was fully implemented.

The use of the word "partial" — underlined in the text — was agreed by Mrs Thatcher because of its obvious implication that there could be no negotiations down to third-zero level.

Mr Bush and Herr Manfred Wörner, Nato's Secretary-General, fully backed this interpretation. Partial meant

partial, Mr Bush said. "Partial does not mean entire," Herr Wörner said.

But the language in the agreement referring to the necessity of keeping land-based short-range systems in Europe "in the present circumstances and as far as can be foreseen", was used as ammunition by Herr Kohl to suggest that a third zero had not been ruled out.

Mrs Thatcher, having conceded the principle of short-range missile negotiations in deference to Bonn's particular domestic problems, was in no mood to listen to any equivocation over the question of a third zero, however.

Total elimination of the missiles had been rejected and no one had disputed this inside the plenary session of

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the summit, she said, adding: "Wriggle as some people might, that's what they've signed up to."

Mr Bush also said that if anyone tried to interpret the text in any other way, they were missing the boat.

The Americans had already made an important concession to Bonn over the timing of the negotiations. Originally they had wanted the phrase "tangible implementation" to be included, meaning that talks could not begin until many of the Soviet tanks, artillery and armoured troop carriers had been destroyed. But this was changed to when the implementation was "under way", implying that the talks could start earlier.

With the compromise achieved overnight, it meant the alliance could at last publish its long-awaited "comprehensive concept" on Continued on page 24, col 1

Cautious Soviet reply

Moscow (AP) — Soviet officials welcomed US willingness to negotiate cuts in short-range nuclear missiles but said linking talks to conventional arms negotiations in Vienna could cause delay.

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, said in Paris that the proposal was "a step in the right direction".

The Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Gennady

Gerasimov, said Soviet officials generally welcomed the opportunity to negotiate a reduction in battlefield nuclear missiles.

However if the US was going to postpone the negotiations on tactical nuclear missiles until an accord on conventional weapons and START reductions, "then we think that it is a ... protraction that we don't need," he told a press conference.

INSIDE

Built to last

He has been called "the great Gambon" and described as one of the few actors who can "portray passion, as opposed to anger". But Michael Gambon's climb to the top of his profession has been slow and steady. On today's Arts page, Irving Wardle profiles the heavyweight of British acting. Page 21

CARMEN

Also on the Arts page, the second part of *The Times* competition to win high-quality satellite-receiving equipment and tickets to the lavish production of *Carmen* at Earts Court next week.

PORTFOLIO BOND

Three people shared yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Bond prize (see page 3). Today's game: page 33

Gateway bid

Isotopes, the City-backed consortium bidding for the Gateway stores group, has raised its offer by £137 million to £1.87 billion. Page 25

Whitbread out

Fatima Whitbread, the British javelin thrower, is likely to miss most of the athletics season after entering hospital for an operation on an injured shoulder. Page 48

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Call for inquiry on Ordnance sale

Labour demanded a top-level inquiry yesterday into the Royal Ordnance sell-off after British Aerospace and Trafalgar House announced highly profitable plans to jointly redevelop two weapons sites. BAe acquired the Enfield and Waltham Abbey plants for a knock-down £3.5 million when it paid £190 million for the state-owned Royal Ordnance two years ago.

The land has since been estimated by valuers to be worth £100 million and the property deal has been calculated at up to £300 million. BAe refused to discuss the value of the sites, but said they would be redeveloped to provide a mixture of industrial, commercial, housing and leisure facilities.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's spokesman on trade and industry, urged the Commons public accounts committee to hold a full investigation.

Two bailed by police

Two men were yesterday charged with public order offences after an incident at Cookham Court School, Berkshire, which is at the centre of sexual abuse allegations (Stewart Tendler writes). The unnamed men were bailed to appear at Newbury magistrates' court on June 28, after an alleged incident involving a car in the school drive.

The police said the arrests were not connected with a separate police investigation started after material was passed on by BBC television's *That's Life* programme which broadcast allegations concerning the school last weekend.

Cellphone checks

The performance of Britain's two cellphone network operators will be monitored monthly by Ofcom, the telecommunications watchdog, which yesterday criticized them for over-reaching themselves and failing to match supply to demand (Robert Matthews writes).

Celnet and Vodafone have been criticized for problems such as call drop-outs and congested lines. An Ofcom report said neither company "had plans at the start of 1988 which were matched with the rate of growth in customers". Both Celnet and Vodafone have welcomed the report.

Journalists to strike

Journalists on *The Guardian* last night voted overwhelmingly to stage a one day strike tomorrow after failing to resolve a dispute over pay and conditions (Tim Jones writes). The decision, by 119 to 14, was taken after members of the National Union of Journalists had expressed concern over the "increasingly confrontational style" of management and declining editorial standards.

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Whitley Bay charges

Robert Sartin, the Civil Servant who was charged with murder after the Whitley Bay shootings on April 30, was yesterday charged with 17 new counts of attempted murder. Mr Sartin, aged 22, appeared before magistrates in North Shields, Tyne and Wear, charged with the murder of Kenneth Mackintosh, aged 41, of Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Northumbria police gave no further details of the new charges. Mr Sartin was remanded in custody until June 27.

King in chess race

With 10 rounds of the Watson Farley and Williams Tournament completed, Danny King, the English chess grandmaster, is racing for the top prize (Raymond Keene writes). The scores, with three rounds to go, are Danny King, Bent Larsen (Denmark) and Mihai Suba (England) all on seven points. If King can fight free from the pack over the last three rounds, he will win the strongest tournament held in London for the past three years.

King's Cross decision not to prosecute is criticized

By Richard Ford, Legal Affairs Reporter

A decision by the Director of Public Prosecutions not to bring prosecutions of London Underground managers after the King's Cross fire in which 31 died was criticized strongly yesterday.

Unions and a relative of one of the victims said it meant there was no corporate accountability for the disaster. They said senior managers seemed to be beyond the law.

In a bitter attack on Mr Allan Green, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the sister of one of the victims accused him of a "cop out" in deciding to bring no prosecutions because of lack of evidence. Miss Sophie Tarassenko said: "I feel those at the top have got away with this. They have more than got away with it, with their pensions and golden handshakes."

Mr Dave Matthews, of the Fire Brigades Union, said he was "bitterly disappointed". He said it seemed on occasions that eminent people on good salaries were beyond the law.

The decision not to bring charges of manslaughter or endangering life by neglect was taken by Mr Green because of insufficient evidence. He has referred the matter to the Department of Transport's Railway Inspectorate to consider whether action should be brought under Section 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act. It places a duty on employers to make sure, as far as is "reason-

ably practicable", that they do not put at risk the health or safety of the public.

If found guilty by magistrates, an employer can be fined up to £2,000. However, a judge can impose unlimited penalties if a case is brought to the Crown Court.

Mr Matthews, the union's national safety officer, said: "I am not surprised by this decision but I am bitterly disappointed. Once again, it shows that eminent people in positions of power and on good salaries seem on occasions to be beyond the law. How they can come up with such a finding when 31 people lost their lives is unacceptable."

He said: "We lost a good, sound officer in the fire, but we are not about retribution."

He said: "When you are the head of an organization, the responsibility stops with you. The head of London Underground should have been held responsible, whoever that is."

Miss Tarassenko, the sister of Mr Ivan Tarassenko, a rock drummer who died in the fire, said the law must be changed so there would be accountability for those responsible.

In his inquiry report, Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, accused London Underground of errors and complacency.

Mr Paul Channon expressed concern for safety standards when he published the results last week of an investigation which made 71 recommendations for improvement.

British Coal woos miners with 'bargain' shares

By Tim Jones

Employment Affairs Correspondent

British Coal is offering cut price shares to miners in a new £120 million coal fired power station to try to convince foreign investors who would help to finance the station that their money will not be at risk from strikes after the proposed privatization of the industry.

Work should start next year on the station, the first in Britain, designed to

retain 90 per cent of harmful "acid rain" sulphur.

Members of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers will be offered four shares for the price of one in the development, at Bilsthorpe colliery, Nottinghamshire, and executives believe they can secure foreign investment by demonstrating that workers and management have an interest in the success of the deal.

The promoters, British Coal, East

Midlands Electricity and the operating company, would have the right to buy back the 3 per cent of shares held by the union and individual miners at the original price if there were such a serious dispute at the colliery which disrupted coal supplies to the power station while the debt was being repaid.

Right wingers who have captured control of the National Union of Civil and Public Servants are planning to

end the union's bitter opposition to government plans to hand over most of the functions of the Department of Social Security to agencies (Roland Rudd writes).

Negotiations between Britain's second biggest Civil Service union and department officials, scheduled for next week, are now likely to be influenced by the executive elections which resulted in the left losing control for the first time in 15 years.

Hope held out for elephants



Mrs Daphne Sheldrick holds aloft a picture of African elephants in the wild after calling for a worldwide ban on ivory sales (Michael McCarthy writes). Mrs Sheldrick, founder of the Nairobi Elephant Orphanage in Kenya, helped to launch the Elefriends campaign in London yesterday with naturalists and showbusiness figures who hope to create a mass public lobby in Britain on behalf of the African elephant. Elefriends, formed by four existing animal welfare organizations, believes that an immediate ban on the ivory trade is the only way to halt the mass slaughter by

poachers that is leading to the elephant's extinction. Stopping consumer demand for ivory is the only way to make a ban effective, the group believes. "Everyone can live without ivory," Mrs Sheldrick said. Her late husband David founded the Tsavo National Park, Kenya's largest, where in the 1960s there were 45,000 elephants, and now there are fewer than 2,000. At the campaign launch at the Royal Geographical Society Joanna Lumley, the actress, said: "Ivory is beautiful, but if you imagine blood on the end of each bit of it, it doesn't seem so appealing."

Soldiers' wives in election challenge

By Jamie Dettmer
Irish Affairs Correspondent

Three wives of Irish soldiers are to stand in the republic's general election as part of efforts to improve army pay. Their election could be enough to deprive Mr Charles Haughey, the prime minister, of an overall majority in the new parliament.

The constituencies the three are to contest have large army bases — a traditional source of votes for Mr Haughey's Fianna Fail party.

The three, sponsored by the National Association of Army Spouses, unveiled their manifesto in Dublin yesterday and warned a fourth army wife might contest Limerick West, seat of Mr Michael Noonan, the defence minister.

Mrs Margaret Kiernan, whose husband is a junior officer, said: "We are contesting the general election as independent army wives. Apart from seeking election to get a better deal for our husbands, there are other issues which concern us as housewives and mothers."

For over a year, Mr Haughey's minority government had been locked in a bitter army pay dispute. Army wives have mounted regular demonstrations outside barracks and the Dail.

After a threatened walkout by some soldiers, the defence minister banned early buy-outs from the services for certain ranks including pilots, senior NCOs and technicians.

Fine Gael, the main opposition party, launched its manifesto yesterday with a promise to cut income tax. Mr Alan Dukes said his party wanted to introduce a two-tier tax system of 25 per cent and 40 per cent.

He also said Fine Gael would reorganize the country's ailing health service by cutting back on hospital administration and by investing Ir£60 million in hospitals.

Mr Dukes said: "Many who voted for Mr Haughey the last time feel betrayed and angry."

Mr Haughey yesterday refused to take part in a live television debate with Mr Dukes.

Mr Haughey's office emphasized he would appear on a pre-election show only if a different format was arranged.

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Police chief tells of selfish brutality in Hillsborough crowd

By Peter Davenport

The police officer who sent desperate radio messages asking for gates at the Hillsborough ground to be opened to save supporters' lives yesterday criticized Liverpool supporters involved in the crush outside the turnstiles.

Supt. Roger Marshall said that many of the fans had been drinking and had no regard to comfort and welfare of their colleagues.

Some fans showed an almost "selfish brutality", he told the inquiry under Lord Justice Taylor. There were 8,000 pressing for entry to the FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest only 15 minutes before kick-off.

Mr Marshall, aged 46 and with wide experience of policing football matches, said he had never experienced a situation like that he faced outside the Leppings Lane turnstiles at 2.45pm on April 15. Police lost the ability to control the crowd.

He was in charge of the police operation covering the Liverpool fans outside the ground, and made three radio requests for gates to be open to relieve the pressure.

Because of a suspected radio fault he was unsure if his first call reached the police control box inside the ground, although he now knew they had.

His final message ended with the words: "Unless the gates are open, people will lose their lives."

He asked for reinforcements and facilities to make Tannoy



Supt. Roger Marshall: police could not control the crowds

messages to fans to stop pushing. One supporter tried to push him off a parapet into a river.

Mr Marshall said that the events of that day would live in his mind for a very long time. He told Mr. Andrew Collins, QC, counsel for the inquiry: "There is in my view a very strong link between the drink consumed by individuals, the heat of the day and the urgency of time imposed on the crowd."

"There was almost a blind necessity to enter that ground come what may. The comfort and welfare of their own colleagues and their own fans was pushed aside."

Mr Marshall spoke of the problem of late arriving fans "laced by drink". He believed there were a "tremendous number" of fans who arrived without tickets determined to get into Hillsborough.

Mr Marshall said an "enormous throng" of more fans arrived after he made his radioed request for reinforcements at 2.44pm.

Asked by the judge where he thought they had come from, Mr Marshall said he suspected they had been in public houses.

People caught at the front of the crush began crying out. Others started fighting each other, he said. Mounted police officers acted valiantly to try to control the crowd but to no avail.

He spoke to an inspector under his command who told him the gates must be opened to let supporters into the ground and ease the pressure.

The officer said he was not happy to open the gates because it would allow drunks, hooligans and non-ticket holders to gain access and would have "kicked into touch" everything the police had achieved outside the ground.

Mr Marshall said the consequences of opening the gates never crossed his mind.

"It was my perception that unless those gates were open

people would die outside. There was no real alternative. There's nowhere for these people to go, no escape route other than into the stadium."

After the gates were opened the pressure outside began to ease. Mr Marshall went into the ground after learning there had been injuries on the terraces.

As he told the inquiry of seeing injured fans being carried by their friends through the tunnel beneath the west stand his voice at times appeared close to breaking.

"We tried to bring some order to a scene that was absolute pandemonium and chaotic. We were being shouted at, abused."

Mr Marshall said that he and other officers trying to help in the rescue and deal with injured fans in the concourse area between the rear of the west stand and the turnstiles were vilified and sworn at by supporters. "They didn't put it in so many words but I felt the entire tragedy was my responsibility."

As the fans streamed out from the terraces he feared that fights would break out with the officers.

Distressed fans were shouting for ambulances to be brought into the concourse area but the entrance gate was too low.

Mr Marshall, a police officer for 27 years, was also told by Mr. Benet Hytner, QC, for the bereaved and injured, that he did not seek to put any questions to the officer which in any way sought to blame him for requesting the opening of the gates.

However, he did say that the officers' impressions of the crowd being drunk, ill-behaved and irresponsible was a "very distorted impression".

Mr Marshall responded that he was not saying that all the fans were like that but some acted with an almost "selfish brutality" in pushing and shoving other people.

The inquiry continues today.

Pilot training gamble pays off

PETER TREVNOR



First Officer Sally Griffiths, who was told at the age of 26 that she was too old to join a British Airways pilot training course, in the cockpit of a Boeing 747 at Heathrow yesterday. Harvey Elliott writes.

Miss Griffiths, a former air stewardess, sold her flat and car to raise the £40,000 private cost of the 12-month

course. Next week, she will start flying a British Airways Super 748, a 44-seat, turbo-prop airliner, as a qualified pilot on Scottish routes.

Miss Griffiths, now aged 28, said: "I applied to join the British Airways course but was two years too old. I thought they might make an exception as I was a stewardess, but they didn't so I was left with no alternative."

"She joined a flying college in Oxfordshire, easily passing the course."

"It was a bit of a gamble. There was no guarantee I would get a job, but I had given up my career as a stewardess so there was no going back," she said. Later this year, Miss Griffiths, of Sonning Common, Berkshire, will marry an officer she met on the course.

Future of broadcasting

Satellite TV 'little threat to BBC'

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

The BBC and other public service broadcasters look likely to dominate the European television market well into the twenty-first century in spite of the array of new channels ushered in by the broadcasting revolution, according to an independent report published today.

In contrast, the claims and expectations of new satellite TV operators have been exaggerated — and some may not survive, the report, by the independent Communications and Information Technology Research company, says. It concludes that only one satellite TV venture will survive in Britain.

Sky Television, owned by Mr Rupert Murdoch, started beaming four channels into

The BBC looked likely last night to face another "fighting" strike today.

A strike committee meeting last night to discuss tactics in the increasingly prolonged dispute over pay, is expected to give the go-ahead for another 24-hour stoppage.

The BBC's 28,000 staff, who are mostly paid well below the rate offered by commercial broadcasters and

homes last February and British Satellite Broadcasting hopes to start up next spring, having cancelled its September launch.

"We expect the new commercial programmers to be sustaining losses for some years. And we are sure that certain countries — for example, the UK — cannot support more than one new service in the same genre. There is

national newspapers, are demanding a 16 per cent increase.

The corporation, which last Christmas gave its top 140 executives a £10,000 car, free health insurance and an extra £2,000-a-year, has made a "final offer" of 7 per cent.

News and current affairs have been particularly badly affected by previous one-day stoppages.

West European TV revenue is likely to increase by 60 per cent to \$34 billion a year over the next 10 years, but more than 90 per cent will continue to be earned by established broadcasters.

The Market for TV Programming in Western Europe (CIT Research Ltd, 23 Dering Street, Hanover Square, London W1R 9AA).

programmes and control an overwhelming share of industry revenues.

The eight-month study, which examined the market for television programming in Europe, says that the existing 40 European satellite channels have only 1.6 per cent between them of the total west European TV audience. "At this rate many of the new broadcasters may not even survive, still less make programmes," it says.

West European TV revenue is likely to increase by 60 per cent to \$34 billion a year over the next 10 years, but more than 90 per cent will continue to be earned by established broadcasters.

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Holiday costs

Long-haul surcharge agreed

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Twelve tour operators have been given permission to impose a surcharge on the cost of long-haul holidays this summer because of the rising cost of aviation fuel and the strength of the dollar. The extra cost to holidaymakers may range from £9 to £30 each.

Although the Association of British Travel Agents said that surcharges would be unlikely this year, the rising cost of jet fuel and fluctuations in the value of the pound have now forced it to approve increases of up to 10 per cent on thousands of holidays. More applications are expected to be made to the special vetting unit which it has set up.

The association based its confident claim on the fact

that most big operators had given an unconditional guarantee that they would not impose surcharges and there was a general agreement among its 700 members that they would bear the first 2 per cent of any rise.

The increases are confined to long-haul holidays offered by tour operators who did not give the guarantee. Fuel prices rose steeply in the spring and, although now stabilized, airlines are having to pass on extra costs.

Fuel takes a much bigger percentage of the cost of long-distance package holidays to destinations such as the Australia, the Caribbean and the Far East than to European resorts. The dollar has also risen sharply against the

pound, so thousands of holidays which were calculated months ago against a rate of about \$1.70 should now cost more.

Although each tour company has submitted a different surcharge proposal — each of which is confidential — the amount will vary according to the cost of the holiday. Most big operators remain adamant that they will honour their "no-surcharge" guarantee this year, powerful operators such as Thomson, Intasun and Airtours were able to buy dollars and fuel in advance. Smaller operators, with less economic muscle to force through agreements with airlines and insufficient capital to buy dollars in advance, have been hardest hit.

Pontormo may lead a revolution

A swaggering painting of a sixteenth-century Florentine banker is expected to transform the art market's valuation of Old Masters in New York today.

Christie's hope that Duke Cosimo I de Medici, as portrayed by Pontormo,

will fetch much more than the \$20 million estimate, thereby aspiring to the recent record levels of Picasso (£27 million) and Van Gogh (£30 million).

"The sort of figures they are taking about are unheard of territory for Old Master paintings," Mr Julian Agnew, of the London firm Thomas Agnew & Sons, said in New York.

Asked why he was attending the sale, he said: "These sales are mainly a spectator sport these days."

His comment coincides with a swingeing article in the New York Times condemning the current frenzy of art-buying.

During the month of May 1989, the auction rooms "doubled as gambling rooms, vanity parade and surrogate stock market, with overtones of bulling, prize ring, cock fight, dogfight and man fight", John Russell, the newspaper's critic, wrote. What had resulted was an "almost total destabilization of prices".

Yesterday there was much speculation as to who was destabilized enough to buy the Pontormo at the prices quoted.

It would make a perfect addition to the Getty Museum in Malibu, which is believed to have sufficient funds, although it claims that much of its benefaction is not diluted into conservation projects.

Another contender is expected to be the Frick Collection in New York, to which the painting has been on loan for 19 years, and where, until its recent removal, curators believed it would finally be gifted.

Apart from those two candidates, there are several private gamblers to take into consideration.

Mr Chris Harbord, a spokesman for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said the eagle was unlikely to pose a danger to the public but might swoop down on gardens looking for food left out for pets.

"He could give someone a pretty big fright if he appeared out of nowhere."

A spokesman at Brentwood Police station said: "This is a dangerous bird and should not be approached or touched. All sightings should be reported to us immediately."

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RSPCA calls for dog register after attack

The RSPCA called for all dogs to be registered last night after Monday's savage attack by three Rottweilers on a boy aged five in Birmingham (Anne McElvay writes).

The organization said compulsory registration would enable police to trace the owners of dangerous dogs after an attack and prevent owners from disowning responsibility. The Rottweiler owner disappeared with his dog after the attack and came forward only after a radio appeal.

Mr Gavin Grant, the RSPCA's campaigns officer, said: "Britain's dog population is out of control and we definitely need tougher mea-

sures to deal with the problem. Some irresponsible people are deliberately acquiring aggressive dogs as mobile burglar alarms or macho virility symbols."

The RSPCA is worried by the increased popularity of potentially aggressive breeds such as Rottweilers, Pit Bull Terriers and Doberman Pinschers. "Too many people are keeping them for the wrong reasons. Uncontrolled dogs are a menace, and as has been shown in this case, potentially lethal."

The parents of Jamie Walker, the boy attacked, want the dog responsible for their son's injuries destroyed and hope Mr Joseph Flynn, the owner, will be prosecuted.



Jamie Walker: attacked by three Rottweilers.

Police hunt Eddie the eagle

By Mark Sonster

A rare golden eagle nicknamed Eddie, escaped from captivity in Essex yesterday.

The year-old male, with an 8ft wingspan, disappeared from a private bird dealer's in Brentwood. The eagle had been lent for breeding purposes to Pegasus Birds, but had been there only a day when it broke its tether.

The bird disappeared over the horizon with a leather leash and thong, known as "jesses" still attached. Two sightings were reported during the day at Hawkwell, near Southend, and at Colchester, but in spite of the efforts of Pegasus staff, police officers and the RSPCA, it remained free.

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Private streets and patrols proposed to reduce city crime

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

"Privatization" of streets with their own local security patrols and gates to block out traffic could cut crime, the Adam Smith Institute, the free market think tank, says today.

More power to the people through local residents' associations could be a key to the restoration of decaying city centres, Mr Nicholas Elliott, a researcher at the institute, says in *Streets Ahead*.

Councils would, nominally, still own the streets but residents would exercise more control over them, Mr Elliott said yesterday.

His report calls on the Government to help to fund the launch of six pilot schemes, in Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Glasgow, Manchester, and Clapham, south-west London.

The report says that where undefined public areas make protection of property more difficult they should be vested in the control of the local residents' association.

"The association should then be free to fence the area in, making it the clear property of the residents." Where the openness of the street was found to hinder security, the option of street closure should be available.

As part of the crime-prevention clear-up, residents' groups should be encouraged to take action such as reinforcing doors, aligning shop fronts with the rest of the street to avoid nooks and crannies, and maintaining lights in lifts.

The institute's proposals take further the idea of neighbourhood watch and the Safer Cities programme, begun by the Government in March 1988.

The Safer Cities programme involves local agencies with the police and the local authority in looking for crime-prevention measures. The proposals are also influenced by revolutionary projects in the United States.

There, more than 90,000 homeowners' associations now control their own streets and neighbourhoods. Some even operate their own fire services and provide sewage disposal for their members.

Mr Elliott does not suggest in the report that local groups in Britain should take over the running of services from councils.

He says, however, that it would be consistent with the trends in local government for groups such as housing associations to take on more responsibility for local services.

The report says residents' groups are more innovative than the state, more responsive to local circumstances and better reflect the demands of local people.

They "can reduce local crime, raise property values, stop dilapidation, arrange the provision of local services, encourage neighbourly behaviour and can maintain the quality of the local environment."

In Houston, Texas, the city council raises \$4.5 million each year by selling streets to homeowners' associations.

In St Louis, Missouri, more than 1,000 streets have become privately controlled on the initiative of their residents.

Evidence shows that they have lower crime rates and higher house values than comparable public streets.

In Beaver Creek, Colorado, where there are problems with air pollution, residents are warned to put out their fires by a red light in their house which flashes when pollution is bad. The rule is contained in the property covenants and can be enforced by the residents' association.

More than 30 million Americans live in private cities, known as planned unit developments.

At Quayside, a Miami refuge for South American exiles, high-rise luxury towers are surrounded by an elaborate security system, with only one entrance gate.

The towers are ringed by a thick concrete wall, electronic beams, closed-circuit television, and patrolled by security guards.

Streets Ahead by Nicholas Elliott (Adam Smith Institute, PO Box 316, London SW1P 3DJ; £9).

Passport workers on strike

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Severe delays in issuing passports are expected to worsen after staff at the Liverpool passport office yesterday began an indefinite strike in a dispute over manning levels.

Workers at Britain's four other passport offices, in London, Glasgow, Peterborough and Newport, are due to take part in a 24-hour sympathy strike on Friday.

The Home Office was last night working on emergency plans and said it hoped to have advice for the public by today.

Passport offices nationally already have a backlog of 300,000 passport applications. Staff at Liverpool blame manpower shortages and a defective computerized processing system for their backlog.

About 75,000 applications a week have been handled nationally, with priority given to urgent cases.

Non-urgent cases face delays of 68 working days at Liverpool. Belfast has a delay of only four working days, but it is 50 at Glasgow, 45 in Newport, 38 in Peterborough and 25 in London.

In a ballot yesterday, Liverpool staff from the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) voted 87-2 in favour of an immediate all-out strike.

They are demanding an increase of 77 in the permanent staff of 170 at the Liverpool office. Management has offered 45 extra staff.

Nationally, the association is seeking 381 extra permanent passport staff, but the management has offered 158.

Mr John MacCreddie, union general secretary, said: "We have been arguing for the last four years for extra staff in the Liverpool passport office and also in the others in the UK."

"This strike is in protest at the refusal of the passport management to provide sufficient extra staff and a proper computer system to enable the office to provide a decent service to the travelling public. Staff have reached the end of their tether," Mr Christopher Johnson, branch secretary, appealed to more than 300 people queuing for passports not to blame the clerical staff for their action.

He said that over the past six months staff had worked a seven-day week to cope with applications.

"It has been a great effort but today staff have said they can no longer sustain that pressure."

Many people who had queued yesterday for up to four hours were sympathetic towards the action.

Mr Brian Beddows, of New Mills, near Manchester, said: "If the queues are like this every day the staff must be suffering and I sympathize with them."

Mr Darrell Spink, of Normanton, near Wakefield, West Yorkshire, has been waiting since February for his passport and is due to go on honeymoon to Barbados on Friday. "If I can't get this sorted out today my honeymoon's up the spout," he said.

Fight ahead as Boeing lands

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

The first Boeing 747-400 to fly into Heathrow arrived on time yesterday as airlines and manufacturers prepared for a battle over who should pay for design changes demanded by European safety authorities.

The Singapore Airlines 747 made the record-breaking, non-stop flight from Singapore in 13 hours, 45 minutes.

The aircraft, one of 14 ordered by Singapore Airlines, is not affected by the squabble between the European airworthiness authorities and Boeing, because the Singapore authorities, which rely on guidance from the American Federal Aviation Administration, have not insisted on changes.

A new joint European airworthiness body, however, is insisting that Boeing changes the upper deck floor so that it can withstand a hole 20ft square which might be caused by an explosion or decompression. The group also wants the main power supply most likely solution is for vent holes to be drilled in the floor, enabling air pressure to be equalized immediately should decompression occur. Simple re-routing of the wiring is also being planned which should make it possible for airlines to carry out the modifications themselves.

No agreement has so far been reached, however, on who will pay for the modifications and for the loss of revenue during the "down time" when the work is completed.

British Airways, which has 19 of the aircraft on order, may have to adapt the first 15 which will be delivered before the modifications become standard on all new aircraft within Europe, after spring 1991.

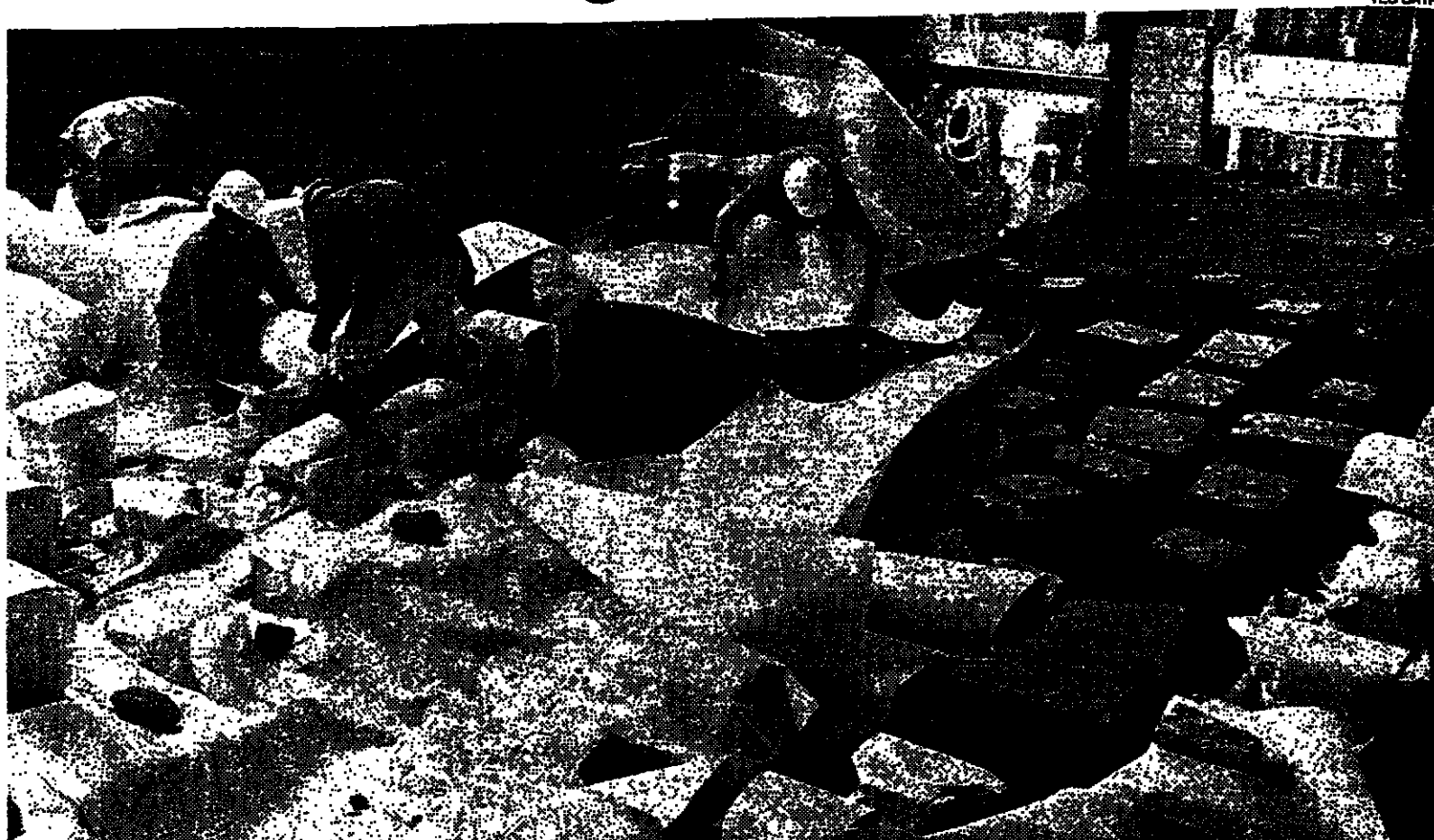
The Civil Aviation Authority said it was satisfied with Boeing's assurances that the modifications would be made available and it will now begin certifying the aircraft for operation on the British register.

Meanwhile, Vauxhall residents will be run down separate channels from the back-up systems.

Although more than 50 747-400s ordered by European airlines will enter service, they will receive only temporary certification until they are fitted with modifications being finalized by Boeing.

At a meeting in Paris this week Boeing promised that these would be made available within the next two years, but it is not yet known in detail what form they will take. The

Scientists race against the sands of time



As back-filling began yesterday at the Huggin Hill Roman baths, the finest preserved Roman building in Britain, archaeologists were working against the clock to record the remains before sand covers them (Simon Tait writes).

Mackay supporter resigns

By Kerry Gill

The Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland suffered a further setback yesterday when its general assembly resigned in protest at the church synod's decision to suspend Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor.

Mr William Fraser will now join the breakaway Associated Presbyterian Churches.

"I feel very sad to have to take this step after 30 years as general treasurer," he said.

"The events of last week have made it impossible for me to remain, although I will do all I can to ensure that immediate affairs are attended to."

Mr Fraser has been an elder of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland for 33 years, 31 of them in the congregation of St Jude's, Glasgow. An accountant who now lives at Stratherrick, near Inverness, he is the right wing of the Free Presbyterians when he helped to raise a petition containing more than 1,000 names supporting Lord Mackay.

He attempted to have it placed before the synod for consideration during its debate over Lord Mackay's attendance at two Roman Catholic Requiem Masses, but the Synod refused to let it be submitted.

The upset was that the Synod asked Mr Fraser's own kirk session in Inverness to consider his behaviour. Mr Fraser could have been disciplined, although he would have appealed. "It would have gone on and on right up to next year's Synod," he said.

Mr Fraser, who looked after all the church's financial matters, said the suspension of Rev Alex Murray was "dreadful". Mr Murray was suspended after being deemed to have refused to repeat after an earlier suspension imposed for asking a Roman Catholic priest to say prayers before a Highland Regional Council meeting. "There is a point when you can take no more," said Mr Fraser, aged 67.

The legal wrangle between the breakaway church and the Free Presbyterians will centre on which church can prove it upholds the original constitution drawn up when the Free Presbyterians were formed at the end of last century.

Property, churches and manse are owned by individual congregations. Congregations that leave to join the Associated Presbyterians will lay claim to the property, but a clause in the title deeds says that property will remain with those who continue to uphold the constitution.

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Lessons for the heads of first opt-out schools

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The Grant Maintained Schools Trust has asked the national training company formed by the National Association of Headteachers to run the courses in June and July (Our Education Staff write).

Mr Michael Pipes, head of the City of Portsmouth Boys School and chief executive of the association's Management Development Services, said that

the courses would be for heads, bursars and possibly the chairman of governors. They would deal with marketing the school, running budgets, employment law and how to handle contracts and tenders.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour Party deputy leader, yesterday praised the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, for refusing to appoint governors to a church school which wants to opt out.

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Labour pledges to oust bad teachers

By Our Education Reporter

The Labour Party yesterday promised to introduce "effective, swift and fair" measures to weed out incompetent teachers if it was returned to power at the next election.

In a detailed expansion of its outline policy review documents published two weeks ago, the party said it would set up an Education Standards Council to monitor the performance of schools.

Labour also plans to create a General Teachers' Council elected by school staff with powers to set and enforce professional standards by "striking off" bad teachers.

Incompetent teachers accounted for only a tiny minority of the profession, yet they caused "problems wholly disproportionate to their number" not least for other staff.

Among other tough measures in the document is a plan to penalize local authorities which fail to attract enough teachers to stay on after the age of 16. There would also be

a system of rewards for those which met targets.

Mr Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, launched "Children First - Labour's policy for raising standards in schools".

It said staying on at school or college after 16 should become the norm and teachers should be restored to a place of respect within society.

Mr Straw commented: "This Government's record on education is a disgrace. We are at, or near, the bottom of the league for nursery education; for education and training at 16 and for higher education opportunities."

The document proposes an overhaul of teacher training with the introduction of a care curriculum for all education colleges and university education departments.

In a move which partly reproduces government plans, the Labour document calls for on-the-job training to replace one-year post graduate teacher training courses.

Mr Hattersley said: "Cardinal Hume will simply not allow one school to contract out and jeopardize the reorganization of other schools in the area."

Vauxhall by-election

Labour 'cannot rely on black vote'

By John Winder

Labour cannot rely on Vauxhall's substantial black vote to retain the south London constituency on June 15, Conservative and Democrit campaigner said yesterday.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, supporting Mr Mike Keegan, the Conservative candidate, said that 10 years ago Labour would have been right to take the ethnic minority vote in the area for granted.

"I think the picture today has substantially changed, both for those of Afro-Caribbean and of Asian backgrounds," he said. Black voters had moved away from issues such as immigration and were voting as any other British voters would, on issues such as education.

Mr Keegan attacked Labour's record on crime prevention and hostility to the police in Lambeth, Lady Seear, Demo-

crat leader in the Lords, said Labour would be wrong to rely on the black vote.

Mr Mike Tuffrey, the SLD candidate, made his theme at the party's press conference yesterday the record of Lambeth council and said that most appeals for help during his canvassing concerned that Labour-controlled local authority.

Meanwhile, Vauxhall residents will meet tonight at The Frigate in Brixton, south-west London, to choose an independent black candidate for the by-election.

Black activists within Labour's local constituency party had favoured a local nominee for selection, but the national executive imposed Ms Kate Hoey as the party's candidate.

The Frigate meeting has been organized by the People's Movement for Electoral Justice, a body formed locally last week. Five black nominees have

been confirmed as applicants for the movement's candidature so far.

All are from the constituency, although leaflets advertising tonight's meeting say specifically that the residence of the candidate is not relevant.

They invite people "if you are a black man or woman" to come to the meeting to help to choose, or even to "nominate yourself", as a candidate. All nominees must attend the meeting and speak in support of their own candidature.

The organizers say the nominees so far represent the views only of the executives that selected them. They want residents to choose their own candidate tonight.

General election: S K Holland (Lab) 21,364; D R Liddington (C) 12,345; S H V Adams (SDP/All) 7,764; J Owens (Green) 770; D J S Cook (Com) 223; K O'Riordan (RF) 117. Lab majority 9,019.

Glasgow Central by-election

Poll tax 'unpaid by 500,000 Scots'

By Kerry Gill

One in 10 Scots, more than half a million people, have not paid their community charge so far, according to the Scottish National Party.

The nationalists also said that those who did pay the charge, which was introduced in Scotland last month, would see it double by the next general election.

Mr Alex Neil, SNP candidate in the Glasgow Central by-election, said that already there were 500,000 people who had not paid the tax.

"Strathclyde still has a major problem even getting its payment books out, and people are having to queue for four hours to get their books

or make payment," he said. He said the party had high hopes of defeating the poll tax and said that it was justifiable to break an unjust law. Non-payment, he added, was similar to "people power" in China and was an act of defiance against the Thatcher government.

The Labour Party's policy is to oppose the charge, but within the law. Party leaders said they did not want people to refuse payment and then find themselves in debt. They said the SNP was trying to lead people into a battle they were unable to win. Yesterday, Labour's Scottish health spokesman, Mr Sam

Galbraith, MP for Strathkelvin and Bearsden, called on the Government to inject £2 million a year to promote healthy living and prevent disease in Scotland.

He said that the death rate from heart disease and strokes in Glasgow was 20 per cent above the Scottish average and 50 per cent higher for cancer.

Mr Allan Hogarth, the Conservative candidate, criticized the nationalists' comment made in earlier in the week that they wanted to start a "forest fire" for independence by winning the by-election. "Pyromania may be fun for some, but it would be

disaster for the Scottish people," he said.

Labour is defending a majority of more than 17,000, although the SNP is determined to repeat its success at Govan last year. However, even if it only manages to drastically cut Labour's majority, it will be seen as a moral victory proving that its message of independence within Europe has caught the imagination of Scots.

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THE BATTLE FOR EUROPE

Green Party hopes to overtake SDP with new manifesto

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

This year's British elections for the European Parliament could see the emergence of the Green Party as the fourth force in British politics, overtaking the SDP.

The Greens, who are contesting one MEP seat and the 78 on the mainland, have more candidates than Labour or the Conservatives, who do not stand in Northern Ireland.

In the recent local government elections in England and Wales, Green candidates averaged 8 per cent of the vote, about twice what they achieved when the seats were last contested.

They are unlikely to send Green MEPs to Strasbourg to join the first "West" group, many, Belgium and The Netherlands, although they are hopeful of saving a number of deposits and of attracting enough attention to take their present membership of 10,000 past the dwindling 11,000 of the SDP.

The Green manifesto for this year's contest follows the party's basic principles of

standing for the care and protection of the earth and its species, economic systems based on conservation rather than consumption and decentralization.

The Greens are standing on a Europe-wide platform agreed with their colleagues in 14 other countries. That ultimately seeks a Europe of autonomous regions without any borders, with local production for local needs using energy-saving, non-polluting methods.

They call for a Europe without military alliances, criticize the single European market as likely to be unecological with a fundamental commitment to expanding consumption and call growth a "Stone Age measurement".

They say: "Our guiding principle is that no authority be held at a higher level than is absolutely necessary." They want environmental taxes on goods and resources, a shift to renewable sources of energy, revitalization of water networks, organic farming and

more flexible working. They want to halt the dumping of all nuclear, industrial and human waste at sea, with all nations policing waters to a 12-mile limit. Their manifesto calls for a long-term food supply strategy, replacing farm and distribution policies with those that "promote health and quality over profit", and legislation against unrestricted economic growth, the development of extensive energy conservation programmes, a ban on ozone-damaging gases, an end to the reprocessing of nuclear waste and the enforcement of EC pollution legislation.

The Greens oppose the EC as it is, seeking a Europe of regions and an enlarged European Confederation. They support greater powers for the European Parliament over the European Commission and Council of Ministers.

Don't Let Your World Turn Grey, the Green Party election manifesto (Green Party, 10 Station Parade, Balham High Road, London SW12 2JL).

East joins West on Euro-election trail

By Ruth Gledhill

Russian dissidents Vladimir Bukovsky and Irina Ratushinskaya, the poet, have joined Lord Bethell, Euro MP for London North-West, on the campaign trail for this month's elections.

They are among a dozen Russians and east Europeans helping with the Euro election campaign, who have benefited from Lord Bethell's efforts to publicise the plight of dissidents.

"They are helping me because I helped them", Lord Bethell said. "They are talking to people and emphasizing the importance of democracy."

Mr Bukovsky, aged 46, came to live in Britain after he was exchanged for a Chilean communist in 1976. "I found it quite fun", he said. "We met an elderly Jewish gentleman whose parents came from pre-revolutionary Russia. There was an interesting discussion, switching from English to Hebrew, about whether it was better to be a Jew in Russia before or after the revolution."

Mrs Ratushinskaya and her husband were stripped of their citizenship during a visit to the West two years ago, shortly after she was released from a seven-year hard labour sentence following international pressure.



Mr Bukovsky (second from left), Mr Igor Geraschenko (bearded) and Mrs Ratushinskaya. Photograph by Lord Bethell.

Independent line in TUC campaign

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The TUC is going to spend £100,000 on an advertising campaign for the European elections that will not endorse any party. Although the movement will not be displaying its traditional link with Labour, the tone of the advertisements make clear its support of a "social Europe".

The advertisements, headed "Europe, Free for All or Fair for All?", ask voters to support candidates who promote policies that will bring "more jobs, more security, a cleaner environment, better training, better working conditions, plus better rights for women". The TUC has sent a questionnaire to every election candidate asking them for their views on key issues.

The section on workers' rights, for example, seeks views on issues such as health and safety standards, the right

to information about company takeovers and the benefits that should be available for part-time workers.

The response from the British candidates will be sent to the European union congress in Brussels before the election for collation with the results of other countries in the community.

Election advertisements prepared by the TUC have appeared in a number of union journals.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, said: "Europe is now a major issue for Britain and its trade unionists. Decisions taken by the European Parliament can have massive implications for people's jobs and for their rights at work."

"We want people to think and to vote and to be well-informed when they do."

Castle seeks dual price for produce

By John Winder

A two-tier pricing system to cut the shop price of farm goods while still giving farmers a guaranteed income for limited amounts of produce was proposed yesterday by Mrs Barbara Castle, retiring Labour Euro-MP, and fellow members of the European Parliament farm committee.

In a pamphlet at the opening of the Euro-election campaign they attacked the "waste, extravagance and inefficiency" of the common agricultural policy.

The pamphlet produced by Mrs Castle, Mr David Morris, Labour MEP for Mid and West Wales and Mr George Stevenson, MEP for East Staffordshire, also suggests cash payments to smaller farmers to give them a living wage and special grants for

farmers who protect and restore the environment, with extra cash for organic farming.

Mrs Castle said: "We believe that a two-tier price system will encourage mixed and medium-scale farming. It will discourage the intensive farming that has severely damaged the environment."

"It will enable more people to settle on the land and concentrate public money on those who need it most. It will stop the dumping of food mountains."

She added that the cost of a two-tier price system was manageable and would benefit most farmers more than the present policy, since all the money would go to farmers instead of nearly half being spent on storing surpluses and selling them at cut prices.

Poll upset over cancelled visit

By Mario Modiano, Athens

The Soviet Union, much to the chagrin of the Greek Government, has cancelled an official visit to Athens by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, its Foreign Minister, which had prompted sharp opposition criticism in Athens.

With less than three weeks to go before crucial European and general elections in Greece, the visit was taken as a flagrant Soviet endorsement for the ruling Greek socialists.

Mr Andreas Papandreu, Greek Prime Minister, who has been attending the Nato summit in Brussels, sought to offset this reversal by obtaining a 10-minute meeting yesterday with President Bush.

It was an image-building favour that Washington had denied him throughout the eight years he has been in power.

However, it was the Soviet Foreign Minister's visit that was really important for the Greek socialist leader. His political survival in the coming elections largely relies on his ability to regain the loyalty of disgruntled leftist voters who will otherwise switch to the Communist Party.

Mr Shevardnadze's visit, cancelled 48 hours before it

was due, could have reversed that trend.

The official explanation from Moscow was that the Soviet official needed to stay in Moscow because of the current session of the Congress of Peoples' Deputies.

It sounded as tenuous an excuse as the reason used for his impromptu visit to Greece where an election campaign is in full swing. He wished to discuss the Cyprus question, they said.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, in fact flew to Paris yesterday to attend a human rights conference.

Mr Papandreu did not conceal his annoyance. He told Greek journalists in Brussels yesterday: "The visit was most profoundly desired by the Soviet Union. We had even agreed with the Soviet Ambassador the contents of the joint communiqué."

"They were aware that we have elections in Greece. They were aware of the session of the Soviet Congress. I leave it to the Soviets to explain the change of plans."

Mr Papandreu said he had discussed with President Bush the future of American military bases in Greece.

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Nato's eleventh-hour accord on missiles and the American arms initiative

Amity and barbs greet President's conjuring trick

from Michael Blayon, Brussels

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, felt politically vindicated yesterday morning.

"Modernization without a simultaneous commitment to negotiate has been turned into a commitment to negotiate without a simultaneous commitment to modernization," he declared triumphantly.

The West Germans, however, were not the only ones to claim victory from the 2am compromise on short-range nuclear forces.

Mrs Thatcher declared she was "very, very satisfied" with the document.

A "triple zero" had been ruled out: all Nato members had accepted the continued need for nuclear weapons in the foreseeable future; tight conditions had been placed on the beginning of Strategic Nuclear Forces negotiations; and even tighter ones on their elimination.

President Bush, of course, had seen his political stock rise overnight. All the criticisms of a do-nothing presidency unable to respond to Mr Gorbachov had been drowned in the applause of America's allies. He, President Bush, had been right all along to wait until his policy review was complete, right to be prudent.

"Whatever political arrows were fired my way, it has all been worth it. I thank my colleagues for their total co-operation and the spirit in which my proposals were received. It was good for Nato and good for the entire free world," he said.

Shrewdly, none of the three principal protagonists claimed victory. Whatever their lingering differences, and however much they would use yesterday's fudge to justify their positions to voters back home, President Bush, Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, and Mrs Thatcher all agreed that it was the alliance

that had won. "In view of the success of this conference, I absolutely refuse to talk in terms of victory or defeat," Herr Kohl declared at a press conference, going on to make it clear why Mrs Thatcher had lost.

"Part of human existence is to be able to arrive at a compromise. You cannot have any personal relations with anyone who insists on your following their lead," he said. Then he drew a comparison with a husband who always told his wife what to do — a pointed and not at all coincidental allusion to a difference of sex.

Not that his relationship with Mrs Thatcher was anything other than relaxed, he insisted disingenuously, adding: "Of course we do have our differences, but that really is surprising." She "in her spirited way" had stood up for her interests, he said. The final agreement was "fantastic".

Was a triple zero therefore specifically ruled out? Herr Kohl became uneasy.

He waffled and referred to Nato's March 1988 summit declaration, implying that no decision had been taken and no preconditions laid down.

Mrs Thatcher would tolerate no such vagueness. Paragraph 48, she said, efficiently

directed the press through the document, spoke of negotiations to achieve a "partial" reduction of shorter-range missiles. And it was not she who had underlined the word "partial", although she was very glad it had been so treated. "Wriggle as some people may," she said, with never a mention of the West Germans, "that's what they signed up to."

Yes, the press insisted, but what about Herr Kohl's intervention? "Don't ask me about it, or them — read the text. When you sign up to something, you sign up to it, and that's that."

A West German television correspondent could not resist asking the key question. "Are you now willing to make peace with the German Government?" Mrs Thatcher was not amused. "I haven't any problems. If they have them, let them sort them out."

She praised the agreement and President Bush's intervention extravagantly: "An excellent document, one of the best I've had a hand in." Indeed, it was much better than the agreement on Lance modernization that Nato had "struggled" to put together last year.

But Mrs Thatcher's emphasis was on the restrictions.

Talks on export curbs

Officials from the Foreign Office and the Department of Trade and Industry will seek clarification this week from President Bush's aides on how far Washington is prepared to go in relaxing curbs on exports of high technology equipment to the Soviet Union (Nicholas Beeston writes).

In his speech on Monday in Brussels, President Bush announced that Washington was ready to ease a total ban on the

sale of sophisticated Western equipment to Moscow. "President Bush made quite a general statement," said a Whitehall source. "At the minimum he is suggesting lifting the 'no exceptions' rule but he may be going further."

The rule, in force since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, forbids the sale by Western companies of any technology that could have a dual civilian-military use.

SNF negotiations could not start until the "massive" agreement on conventional cuts was under way and even then, not a single missile could be removed until the reductions were fully implemented.

Did President Bush not, however, want agreement within six months? "I think that's a little bit optimistic," she said. "Quite optimistic," she added on reflection. "Very optimistic," she concluded.

Mr Bush, however, was enthusiastic about his timetable. Yes, it could be met. It was a challenge to President Gorbachov.

There were no winners or losers in the alliance. He had never seen "more unity or such an upbeat meeting".

The SNF agreement had demonstrated Nato's ability to adapt to change while remaining true to its core values, he said.

America was, and would remain, a European power.

It was "highly important" that Washington was seen to be fully engaged, trying to come up with creative proposals and fulfilling its historic responsibilities.

And Mr Bush's view was that the US, and he, had done just that. Even the Pentagon had been taken on board. Mr Bush said he consulted the top brass, including General John Galvin, the Nato Supreme Commander, and all gave their blessing. He was able to consult the allies with the US military behind him.

But prudence had been the order of the day. "I've not felt under siege in the US. Ever since I stepped into this job on January 20, I've known exactly what I wanted to do."

This was an exaggeration, but the squabbling allies, somewhat astonished that President Bush had pulled so large a rabbit out of the hat, were more than happy to endorse his boast.



Facing the press: Mrs Thatcher, clearly pleased at the outcome of the Nato summit, shielding her eyes from the glare of television lights at the final news conference in Brussels yesterday, while President Bush presents a more sombre mood.

Hard bargaining yields compromise

Brussels (Reuters) — Eight hours of late-night bargaining over beer and sandwiches in a stuffy conference room held the key to Nato's breakthrough on short-range nuclear arms.

Alliance leaders ordered their foreign ministers to skip an official banquet on Monday night and hammer out a compromise. When the 16 ministers finished in the early hours of yesterday, dishevelled and drained, they had virtually tied up an agreement to a problem that has dogged Nato for two years.

"They were the toughest negotiations I think I have ever attended," said Herr Jürgen Chrobog, the spokesman for Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister and one of the key participants. When Herr Genscher entered

the talks at Nato Headquarters at 5 pm on Monday, his calls for early talks to reduce short-range nuclear weapons were opposed by the United States and Britain.

But diplomats said Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, quickly pulled back from a hardline position and bargaining became a battle between Herr Genscher and his British opposite number, Sir Geoffrey Howe. The British Government had staunchly opposed the idea of talks on short-range nuclear missiles.

"The atmosphere remained very co-operative throughout. Howe is a very calm person and Genscher himself is very disciplined. There was no antagonism. I can say that personal relations

were unchanged when the evening was over," Herr Chrobog said.

He said there were early difficulties over Britain's insistence that Nato commit itself to modernizing short-range weapons in 1992 — a stance subsequently softened in bargaining. Sir Geoffrey finally conceded that the talks could be linked to progress in talks in Vienna to cut conventional forces, but the debate then turned on when such progress would be accomplished.

"There were lots of moments when the talks appeared close to collapse," Herr Chrobog said.

British officials said Sir Geoffrey showed the draft to Mrs Thatcher at 7.20 am over breakfast. She approved, and the deal was done.

Kohl reassures Bush over loyalty

From Ian Murray, Bonn

Fresh from sorting out Nato's problems in Brussels, President Bush flew to Bonn yesterday to be welcomed at the airport by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister.

The two men strolled, chatting like old friends, along the red carpet to the helicopter waiting to whisk Mr Bush off to his meetings with President von Weizsäcker and the Chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl. The 25-hour visit, which only last weekend threatened to be an embarrassing occasion after a

Nato failure, was off to a good start.

Aware of American concern that his country is being tempted out of the Alliance by glasnost and visions of a united Germany, Herr Kohl made a point of reassuring President Bush of loyalty to the West and to Nato.

"We are not a wanderer between two worlds," he said firmly. The wind of change in the Soviet bloc, he said, "comes from the West and is blowing eastward".

The Chancellor also left

open the door for internal Nato discussions on a "more equitable burden sharing" of defence costs — although he warned against asking too much more of his country.

There was little doubt that what the Chancellor described as the "solid and strong" relationship between the two countries had been made more so by the President's disarmament proposals.

● LONDON: President Bush's arms initiative has enhanced prospects for his visit to Britain, which begins

today. Any risk of unease over the time his Administration was taking to complete its foreign policy review has now been removed (Andrew McEwen writes).

It is thought Mrs Thatcher will use the visit to stress the strength of the Anglo-American relationship. Although some aspects of the agreement reached in Brussels yesterday have caused concern in Whitehall, the Government will not allow this to cloud the talks with Mr Bush.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Theology students held over murder

Beit Horon, occupied West Bank — Police arrested 20 students from a Jewish (Jewish theological college) near Nablus yesterday following the death on Monday of a Palestinian girl, aged 16, at Kifl Harith during one of the worst Arab-Jewish clashes on the West Bank since intifada began a year and a half ago (Richard Owen writes).

Arab villagers said the attackers were students whose rabbi had been injured in an earlier clash. The local police commander said that 30 Jewish students had entered the village in two groups, firing at cars and houses as they went, before "shooting like madmen" at Arabs in the village centre. Kifl Harith, the traditional site of the Tomb of Joshua, has been the scene of growing friction.

Budget leak charges

Ottawa — Five people, including a television reporter, face criminal charges in connection with a series of leaks on the Canadian Government's April 27 budget (John Best writes).

Mr Doug Small, Ottawa bureau chief of the Global TV network, is one of three persons charged with possession of a stolen document. Two others are charged with theft of the document as well as with possession. It is believed to be the first time in Canadian history that a journalist has been charged over a premature budget disclosure, and the case has raised questions about interference with freedom of the press.

Fined for Tutu abuse

Johannesburg (AFP) — Mr Willem Venter, an Afrikaner, has admitted using threatening and abusive language towards the Rt Rev Desmond Tutu, the Archbishop of Cape Town, right, and his chaplain, the Rev Christopher Ahrends. He has paid an "admission of guilt" fine of 200 rands (about £40), legal sources said yesterday. Mr Ahrends said Archbishop Tutu had been bedevilled and provoked by Mr Venter as he boarded a plane here for Cape Town last June.



Communist defeat

Rome — Voting by 1,300,000 Italians in 165 local elections saw the Socialists overtake the opposition Communist Party on a large scale for the first time (Paul Bompard writes). Socialists and Christian Democrats made impressive percentage gains while the Communists lost the largest in a series of bitter electoral defeats. Italy's five-party coalition Government fell 13 days ago, and a new team will not be put together until after the June 18 European elections.

Lesotho protester held

A university lecturer in Lesotho who signed a protest against the suppression of free speech has been arrested. It has emerged (Andrew McEwen writes). Mr Joel Moitse, a lecturer in economics at Lesotho University, was held under internal security regulations. Sources in Maseru told The Times that Mr Moitse was a signatory to a document circulating among intellectuals and former politicians criticizing Lesotho's Military Council.

West spells out terms for co-operation

Brussels (Reuters) — The following are extracts from the official declaration of the 16 Nato allies at the end of their two-day summit here:

In the Soviet Union, important changes are underway. We welcome the current reforms that have already led to greater openness, improved respect for human rights, active participation of the individual and new attitudes in foreign policy. But much remains to be done. We will look forward to the full implementation of the announced changes in priorities in the allocation of economic resources from the military to the civilian sector. If sustained, the reforms will strengthen prospects for fundamental improvements in East-West relations.

We also welcome the marked progress in some countries of Eastern Europe towards establishing more democratic institutions, free elections and greater political pluralism and economic choice.

We want to overcome the painful division of Europe, which we have never accepted. We want to move beyond the postwar period. Based on today's momentum of increased co-operation and tomorrow's common chal-

lenges, we seek to shape a new political order of peace in Europe.

The Alliance's long-term objectives are: to ensure that wars and intimidation of any kind in Europe and North America are prevented... to establish a new pattern of relations between the countries of East and West, in which ideological and military antagonism will be replaced with co-operation, trust and peaceful competition...

For the foreseeable future, there is no alternative to the Alliance strategy for the prevention of war. This is a strategy of deterrence based on an appropriate mix of adequate and effective nuclear and conventional forces which will continue to be kept up-to-date where necessary. We shall ensure the viability and credibility of these forces, while maintaining them at the lowest level consistent with our security requirements.

The presence of North American conventional and nuclear forces in Europe remains vital to the security of Europe just as Europe's security is vital to that of North America.

We challenge the members of the Warsaw Treaty Organization to join us in accelerating efforts to sign and

implement an agreement which will enhance security and stability in Europe by reducing conventional armed forces. To seize the unique opportunity at hand, we intend to present a proposal that will amplify and expand on the position we tabled at the opening of the CFE (Conventional Forces in Europe) negotiations on March 9.

We will register agreement, based on the ceilings already proposed in Vienna, on tanks, armoured troop carriers and artillery pieces held by members of the two Alliances in Europe, with all of the withdrawn equipment to be destroyed. Ceilings on tanks and armoured troop carriers will be based on proposals already tabled in Vienna; definitional questions on artillery pieces remain to be resolved; expand our current proposal to include reductions by each side to equal ceilings at the level 15 per cent below current Alliance holdings of helicopters and of all land-based combat aircraft in the Atlantic-to-the-Urals zone, with all the withdrawn equipment to be destroyed; propose a 20 per cent cut in combat manpower in US stationed forces, and a resulting ceiling on US and Soviet ground and air force personnel stationed outside of

national territory in the Atlantic-to-the-Urals zone at approximately 275,000. This ceiling would require the Soviet Union to reduce its forces in Eastern Europe by some 325,000. United States and Soviet forces withdrawn would be demobilized; seek such an agreement within six months to a year and accomplish the reductions by 1992 or 1993.

Accordingly, we have directed the Alliance's High Level Task Force, on conventional arms control to complete the further elaboration of this proposal, including its verification elements, so that it may be tabled at the beginning of the third round of the CFE negotiations, which opens on 7 September.

We consider as an important initiative President Bush's call for an "open skies" regime intended to improve confidence among states through reconnaissance flights, and to contribute to the transparency of military activity, to arms control and to public awareness... We will continue to use arms control as a means to enhance security and stability at the lowest possible level of armed forces, and to strengthen confidence by further appropriate measures...

The Alliance must and will intensify its own efforts to overcome the division of Europe and to explore all available avenues of co-operation and dialogue. We support the opening of Eastern societies and encourage reforms that aim at positive political, economic and human rights developments...

A continuing denial of basic freedoms cannot but have a negative effect. Our approach recognizes that each country is unique and must be treated on its own merits. We also recognize that it is essentially incumbent on the countries of the East to solve their problems by reforms from within...

We will seek expanded economic and trade relations with the Eastern countries on the basis of commercially sound terms, mutual interest and reciprocity. Such relations should also serve as incentives for real economic reform and thus ease the way for increased integration of Eastern countries into the international trading system...

An important task of our co-operation will be to explore means to extend Western experience and know-how to Eastern countries in a manner which responds to and promotes positive change.

Cautious Moscow welcome on cuts

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday declared that President Bush's proposals at the Nato summit on Monday to cut Alliance conventional forces in Europe were "a serious step and a step in the right direction".

But Mr Shevardnadze, in Paris for the opening of the 35th annual Human Rights Conference which follows the Vienna Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, added that "time will be needed to examine in detail these proposals in order to determine the Soviet Union's final position and that of the Warsaw Pact countries".

Mr Bush has proposed that US troops in Europe be cut by 20 per cent and that combat aircraft and helicopters be included in the Vienna disarmament talks. He also suggested that the timetable for agreement be speeded up.

Mr Shevardnadze called an acceleration of negotiations "an attractive idea. The sooner we end the talks, the sooner we can proceed to disarmament". However, he was worried about the "practical weaknesses" of a rapid conclusion.

"It is necessary to examine everything in detail and at an experts' level. Only then will it be possible to tell how long it will take to arrive at mutually acceptable solutions."

He added that the Nato summit conclusions on short-range nuclear weapons would not deter the Soviet Union from insisting that such disarmament talks should get under way.

● Human rights: The British delegation at the Conference on the Human Dimension, led by Sir Anthony Williams, are hopeful that a confrontation with Romania might cause a split in the Eastern bloc.

Western nations attending agree that Bucharest's record on human rights violation is the worst in the Warsaw Pact.

Short-range weapons superiority attacked

Call to Russians for unilateral reduction

Brussels (Reuters) — Following is the passage on short-range nuclear forces in Nato's "Comprehensive concept of arms control and disarmament" agreed by the 16 allies yesterday:

In view of the huge superiority of the Warsaw Pact in terms of short-range nuclear missiles, the Alliance calls upon the Soviet Union to reduce unilaterally its short-range missile systems to the current levels within the integrated military structure.

The Alliance reaffirms that at the negotiations on conventional stability it pursues the objectives of the establishment of a secure and stable balance of conventional forces at lower levels; the elimination of disparities prejudicial to stability and security; and the elimination as a high priority of the capability for launching surprise attack and for initiating large-scale offensive action.

In keeping with its arms control objectives formulated in Reykjavik in

1987 and reaffirmed in Brussels in 1988, the Alliance states that one of its highest priorities in negotiations with the East is reaching an agreement on

East Berlin (Reuters) — East Germany said yesterday that the American proposals on conventional arms were a move in the right direction but that such cuts would make talks on short-range nuclear forces all the more necessary. The Foreign Ministry spokesman, Herr Wolfgang Meyer, said East Germany welcomed any step that offered progress on limiting or reducing arms, adding: "At any rate this is an initiative in the right direction."

conventional force reductions which would achieve the objectives above.

In this spirit, the Allies will make every effort, as evidenced by the

outcome of the May 1989 Summit, to bring these conventional negotiations to an early and satisfactory conclusion. The United States has expressed the hope that this could be achieved within six to twelve months.

Once implementation of such an agreement is underway, the United States, in consultation with the Allies concerned, is prepared to enter into negotiations to achieve a partial (underlined) reduction of American and Soviet land-based nuclear missile forces of shorter range to equal and verifiable levels.

With special reference to the Western proposals on CFE (conventional forces in Europe) tabled in Vienna, enhanced by the proposals by the United States at the May 1989 Summit, the Allies concerned proceed on the understanding that negotiated reductions leading to a level below the existing level of their SNF missiles will not be carried out until the results

of these negotiations have been implemented. Reductions of Warsaw Pact SNF systems should be carried out before that date.

As regards the sub-strategic nuclear forces of the members of the integrated military structure, their level and characteristics must be such that they can perform their deterrent role in a credible way across the required spectrum of ranges, taking into account the threat — both conventional and nuclear — with which the Alliance is faced. The question concerning... a follow-on system for the Lance will be dealt with in 1992 in the light of overall security developments.

While a decision for national authorities, the Allies concerned recognize the value of the continued funding by the United States of research and development of a follow-on for the existing Lance short-range missile, in order to preserve their options in this respect.

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£81 billion bill
for Soviet defence

Moscow (Reuter, AP) — President Gorbachov broke the silence on Soviet defence spending yesterday, and promised wide-ranging domestic reforms, including an end to official privileges and the abolition of some ministries.

Addressing the inaugural session of the new Congress of People's Deputies, he said that Moscow would spend 77.3 billion roubles (equivalent to about £81 billion) on defence in the current financial year.

The figure, amounting to about 15 per cent of state spending, underlines Mr Gorbachov's priority — the release of funds and technical expertise for the struggling civilian sector.

"To people who have gone through a difficult war... our Soviet Army remains important," he declared, adding: "But in the world today, it is possible to achieve security through diplomatic means."

This makes it possible to cut military expenditure without any damage to the defence capability of the country."

Mr Gorbachov said that freezing military spending in 1987 had saved 10 billion roubles, and he promised a further 14 per cent cut over the next two years.

The previous official Soviet figure for defence spending had been given as 20 billion roubles since 1984, but the West saw this as hugely underestimated.

The President called for radical measures "to wrench the country out of its economic quagmire" by improving the supply of goods and services on the Soviet market through a redistribution of resources and an emergency saving programme.

He said individual enterprises, trusts, shareholding societies and co-operatives should become the main forces in the Soviet economy rather than ministries.

Mr Gorbachov, hinting that economic planning ministries might be phased out, said that enterprises should set up their own managerial bodies to formulate production policies and "eventually substitute for ministries".

Referring to the often heated debates since the Congress session began last Thursday, Mr Gorbachov said the clash of opinions reflected contradictions in society and showed the success of perestroika. "It is quite natural to

say that an open examination and analysis of all issues makes it possible for our society to go over to a confrontational position to rectify them," he said. Much work lay ahead for the Congress, including passing about 50 laws and proposals for a new Soviet constitution.

Translations of parts of the President's speech, issued by Radio Moscow, were:

● **THE ECONOMY:** Naturally we cannot expect immediate changes in this sphere of life. We must concentrate all of our efforts and attention



Mr Gorbachov: Security can come through diplomacy.

to, in a very short period of time, solve the most vital problems. This is one of the most crucial problems of the Congress and the new Government... The idea of working in this field is to turn the economy to the people, to give proper conditions of living and working to the people.

● **ECOLOGICAL:** Life also requires a solution to ecological problems. The situation there is very alarming. In more than a hundred cities of the country, the harmful material in the air is very dangerous. We must take care of our water resources, and the forests.

Once more I would like to say that all our plans and drafts must be checked for ecological purity. Also concerning the building of canals, atomic stations, chemical enterprises, they must be checked for ecological purity.

● **BUDGET CUTS:** We will have to adopt difficult but necessary conditions. We have to start somewhere, and some things we have to turn down. We must strictly adhere to the rule that the volume of

capital investments must correspond to the capacities that we have, that is the material and labour resources. Only in this way can we put an end to the eruption of construction by the different ministries.

Another source of resources to improve our social programme is to cut down our military expenditures, to make conversions connected to the potential of the defence industries for civil needs.

● **LEGAL REFORM:** Everything that has to be done in the coming stages is movement towards creation of a socialist legal state. This encompasses many democratic regulations... First and foremost we have the legal protection of the individual, to give the citizen all the rights and naturally... fulfil his obligations in relation to the state. All our measures integral to our legal state and its legacy should be measured by the main criterion: What do they give the Soviet people? General welfare cannot be built on an unjust approach to even one citizen.

● **ETHNIC RELATIONS:** We have inherited a very harsh legacy. Sometimes nationality interests were ignored or they were wiped out. Sooner or later they have to come to the fore, they have to erupt, and now we see the whole truth and we have to rectify the distortions.

Speculating on these difficulties, some elements try to worsen the situation and this led to excesses in some of the republics and tragic events with the loss of human life. Permit me from this rostrum, the first rostrum of the Congress of People's Deputies, to express our deep sorrow at the death of innocent people. This must not be repeated.

● **FOREIGN RELATIONS:** Where would we be if we had remained in the positions of the past? International tensions have relaxed. There is no direct danger of a nuclear war. People look each other in the eyes and they see it is incongruous to maintain these dangers and hostility...

We all see that Soviet-American relations are of prime importance for world policy. We are prepared to work together with the United States on a stable and dependable basis and to move forward combining our ideas and efforts.

Caught in a political storm



Two ethnic Turkish children who were among hundreds expelled from Bulgaria in the wake of ethnic riots against forced assimilation, sitting atop their possessions in a Vienna refugee centre awaiting transfer to Turkey.

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, yesterday called for negotiations with Bulgaria to hammer out an immigration agreement that would allow ethnic Turks in Bulgaria to come to Turkey (AP reports).

President Zhivkov of Bulgaria, reacting to growing ethnic Turkish unrest, called on Turkey on Monday to open its borders to all "Bulgarian Muslims" who want to go there.

"Our borders are always open," said Mr Ozal, adding that Bulgaria had rejected a Turkish proposal in 1988 for an immigration accord. "They are sending our ethnic brothers out with only one suitcase. What happened to their lands, their other goods?" he asked.

Peronists urge
early switch to
interim leader

From Michael Llanos, Buenos Aires

A nationwide state of siege appeared to have been restored yesterday after 24 hours of looting in the city of Rosario, while the unrest sparked by serious inflation provided a new impetus for an early transfer of power to the opposition Peronist movement.

President-elect Señor Carlos Menem, due to take office on December 10, said yesterday that a possible transition formula would be for President Raúl Alfonsín and Vice-President Víctor Martínez to resign and allow his brother, Senator Eduardo Menem, to act as interim president until December.

Señor Eduardo Menem, if named provisional president of the Senate, would follow the President and Vice-President in the presidential line of succession.

The leader of the Peronist movement, who is to meet Señor Alfonsín tomorrow, backed the state of siege decreed by the President on Monday which allows police to detain suspects without a warrant. Señor Menem described the situation as "very serious", but not sufficiently bad to bring forward the December inauguration date.

Police maintained a tense vigil yesterday in Rosario, Argentina's third largest city, 195 miles north-west of the capital, where streets were returning to normal after uncontrolled looting last week which left at least three people dead, several dozen injured and 500 detained. Isolated looting was also reported on Monday in the industrial belt surrounding the Argentinean capital.

In the capital yesterday, the ruling Radical Party and Peronists set aside differences on how to tackle soaring inflation and agreed to call a special session of Congress to approve the 30-day national state of siege — the second time since taking office that Señor Alfonsín has resorted to the measure.

Witnesses to the Rosario looting said that in most cases, an advance team would arrive in vehicles at the store to be looted, signalling to shantytown dwellers when to begin, and then leave them on their own. Vehicles were also seen moving through shantytowns using megaphones to announce that supermarkets were "giving away food".

Women and children were used to lead the attacks, in most cases preventing police and armed store owners from firing into the crowd. Police sources said some of those arrested included members of the Trotskyist Movement Towards Socialism.

Señor Menem yesterday accused "professional agitators and common criminals" of taking advantage of the poverty created by inflation of 65 per cent a month which has made basic foodstuffs such as meat, flour and sugar unaffordable for several million Argentines who earn the equivalent of £12.50 a month.

Britons take French lesson on urban renewal

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

Following in the footsteps of the Prince of Wales, a high-powered delegation from his favourite inner-city revival concern yesterday tramped diligently around the area of Montparnasse designated as a Parisian showpiece.

This project had evidently caught the royal eye during his official visit to France last November, and it was at his own suggestion that a dozen or so members of Business in the Community made the trip to see how the French set about their urban regeneration. In search of good ideas on the theme of "urban villages," the delega-

tion, led by Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, put themselves in the enthusiastic hands of the office of the *Mairie*.

The Montparnasse development, begun in the mid-1960s, was aimed at reviving what had become a severely run down, though lively and cheerful enough, slice of the 14th *arrondissement*. Now about three-quarters complete, it accurately reflects the consensus that has emerged within France about the right way to blend "social" housing projects with an overall upgrading of facilities and still retain the best of the sense of neighbourhood and community that previously existed.

The concept of the urban village is

clearly international, and as Sir Hector emphasized, the free exchange of ideas and different approaches to confronting a common problem is what the Prince of Wales has been arguing for some years.

To the unqualified outsider, the Montparnasse project certainly seems to have much to commend it. The city's planning authorities were originally leaning towards high-rise apartment blocks, but concluded eventually that the people who had to live there would prefer something that retained the general feeling of the original 19th century quarter.

Thus, the size, more especially the height, of all buildings is strictly limited in relation to the width of

streets and careful attention is paid to distances between each block. Shops and cafés are encouraged on the ground floors and the whole area is dotted with gardens, patios, little squares and pedestrian precincts.

Ah, but does it work? When Prince Charles made his rapid tour of the development some residents told journalists that the *Bon Chic, Bon Genre* set — the well-connected, beautiful people — were moving in on what is fast becoming a very desirable address. The *Mairie* insists that around half the original inhabitants have stayed put and that strict means testing secures an appropriate share of the available housing for the poorest members of the community.

Warsaw Pact offers to cut
forces in Central Europe

Vienna (Reuter) — The Warsaw Pact offered yesterday to slash by about half its troops and conventional arms stationed in Central Europe.

East Germany's chief delegate to the Vienna talks on Conventional Forces in Europe suggested new ceilings close to those already tabled by the West.

Herr Klaus-Dieter Ernst told a news conference: "If the political will is there, and that seems to be the case on both sides, we could reach an agreement in a relatively short time."

He was speaking a day after President Bush offered a 20 per cent cut in American combat troops stationed in Europe and agreed for the first time to discuss aircraft and helicopters in the first phase of the Vienna talks.

Herr Ernst said the proposals, if confirmed, "would be a big step in the right direction".

Asked what sort of cuts this represented, he told reporters: "We are talking about cuts of

approximately 50 per cent in all categories."

The seven-nation communist alliance had already set out figures for two other zones in Europe, but had left open the densely militarized Central European sector which NATO sees as the most likely target for a surprise attack.

Under the Warsaw Pact's new proposals the totals on both sides in Central Europe would be set at 570,000 troops, 420 strike aircraft, 800 helicopters, 8,700 tanks, 7,600 artillery pieces and 14,500 armoured troop carriers.

Both sides should aim to reach these targets by 1996 or 1997, the East German chief delegate said in his statement. NATO has proposed ceilings of 8,000 tanks, 4,500 artillery and 11,000 armoured vehicles. It has yet to set figures for aircraft and helicopters, since as recently as last Thursday Western delegates to the Vienna talks were still insisting on their exclusion from the talks. NATO has argued that the

first phase of the talks should concentrate on weapons systems capable of taking and holding territory, such as tanks and artillery. The Warsaw Pact has pressed from the beginning for air systems to be also included.

A NATO delegate welcomed the new proposals, saying they provided the missing link in the overall disarmament picture. "Now we can really compare both proposals," he told journalists.

The East German delegate said the slightly higher Soviet bloc figures were partly explained by different interpretations of what constitutes Central Europe.

NATO sees it as Belgium, West Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The Warsaw Pact wants it to include Hungary and Denmark as well.

Herr Ernst said he did not believe the differing views over the zone would present a serious problem in the present round of talks.

Power struggle in Hungary

Reformer seeks leadership

By Andrew McEwen in London and Sallie Ecroyd in Budapest

Mr Imre Pozsgay, the leading Hungarian reformer, has predicted that Mr Karoly Grosz, the Communist Party chief, will be ousted later this year. He also made public his own candidacy for the leadership.

His remarks, during a visit to West Berlin, opened the prospect that Hungary's leadership struggle will be conducted with relative openness, which would be unusual in Eastern Europe. Mr Grosz came to power a year ago when Mr Janos Kadar was dismissed, but has been losing popularity.

The Central Committee yesterday agreed to demands for a national congress in the autumn, a year earlier than scheduled. A party chairman and a general secretary would be elected before the meeting, ready to preside over it.

Responding to suggestions that Mr Grosz would offer to

step down, a party spokesman said he did not know if the party leader intended to stand for nomination. But he added that Mr Grosz had told the Central Committee he had "no ambitions to power, and could imagine himself in any post as a modest party worker".

Diplomatic sources said this meant Mr Pozsgay's chances of being chosen were high.

He is seen as the only senior figure in the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party capable of reaching an agreement on reforms with opposition parties.

Mr Pozsgay has told colleagues that rather than be appointed General Secretary, he would prefer to become president, with strong executive powers. But in public he has only hinted at this.

Mr Pozsgay would radically change Hungary's political direction if given the opportu-

nity. In an interview with Radio Free Europe this week he said he would like the party to develop along West European socialist or social-democratic lines. He believes it should cease to dominate the country and take a secondary role.

He would speed up Hungary's links with the West and non-aligned nations, which are already developing quickly.

In another development, the party yesterday declared that Imre Nagy, Hungary's Prime Minister during the 1956 uprising, was a victim of a show trial. The move came nearly 31 years after he was hanged.

A party spokesman said the Central Committee had agreed that Nagy's execution had been unlawful and that "never again can it be allowed that a life be sacrificed because of political differences".

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Fears rise that lacklustre Li may turn back China's clock

From Mary Dejevsky and Catherine Sampson, Peking

If Mr Li Peng, the Prime Minister, strengthens his hold on power, China will lose 20 years of progress; if the reformists win the struggle, China could jump ahead 10 years. This judgement, made apparently by a Japanese businessman, so impressed a young Chinese taxi driver that he tried it out on his British passengers.

This small episode afforded just a glimpse of one of the concerns felt by ordinary people in Peking at the prospect — increasingly likely — of Mr Li enhancing his power. For all his talk about continuing China's open door policy towards the outside world and continued pursuit of economic reform — pledges made during his televised reception for foreign ambassadors last week — he has convinced few.

Where an outsider might see only a lacklustre leader worried about inflation, foreign debts run-

ning out of control and ideological soundness, they tend to see a dyed in the wool reactionary just waiting for an opportunity to turn back the clock and return control to the centre. How far Mr Li would be able to turn back the clock in China, even if that is what he wanted to do, will depend on many factors, not least on the compromise he has to make in order to consolidate his power.

Until the composition of a new leadership is announced, that cannot be known. But the perception of those who have turned out to demonstrate in Peking in the past two weeks is that Mr Li is a hardline villain who will be bad for them and bad for China.

There is always the possibility that Mr Li's evident unpopularity will lead Mr Deng Xiaoping, the country's elder statesman, to abandon him, as he abandoned his earlier two protégés, the late Hu Yaobang and now, apparently, Mr Zhao Ziyang, the party's General

Secretary. For the time being, however, Peking is apprehensive because many of what they regard as the advances made in the past five years could be lost.

Assuming that Mr Li is as reluctant a reformer as his many detractors believe and that he will use his power to reverse existing policies, the outlook for China would indeed be bleak on almost every front: political, economic and cultural.

Mr Zhao had started very slowly to talk about the sort of political reform that President Gorbachev has started to introduce in the Soviet Union. At the 13th party congress 18 months ago, he proposed the creation of something like a professional civil service to take over the jobs currently held by party and government appointees. Mr Zhao also followed Mr Deng in advocating a greater role for the National People's Congress, China's Parliament. This body was revitalized in the early 1980s to

become more of a forum for discussion than a pure rubber stamp, but it still had a long way to go before it became a real alternative voice to the party and government.

Under a Li Peng regime, both these changes could be abandoned. The authority of the communist party, and its apparatus would be reasserted. Progress made towards more popular participation in government could be annulled. In economic affairs, the touchstone would be "open door" policy towards trade with the outside world and foreign investment in China. But proclaiming the door open is only one half of the equation. It is useful for the door to be open only if there are enough people confident in China's future to want to come in.

Foreign confidence will depend partly on whether China looks politically stable, and martial law in the capital does not create an impression of stability. But much

also depends on the state of the market inside China. If, as is possible, the Li regime started to exert more central control on the economy, levy swinging taxes on private and co-operative traders, or even ban them altogether, then the market would rapidly deteriorate; consumers would have less money, and outside investors could start to lose confidence.

Similarly, if an ideologically more rigid regime imposed restrictions on peasant farmers and requisitioned more produce for the state at lower prices, more money would go out of prosperous farming households and the food supply situation would deteriorate.

Most foreign businesses with offices in China seem to be hoping that the present upheaval will prove no more than a squall. Many, however, will be forced by heavy financial commitments to put a brave face on the situation.

The accession of a hardline government might also discourage

another of China's growing hard currency earners — tourism. For the 30 million foreign visitors a year may, in Mr Li's view, foster "ideological pollution".

In the cultural and intellectual field, too, China has much to lose from a hardline government. During Mr Zhao's tenure as General Secretary, there had been a gradual loosening of the intellectual climate after the brief and confused campaign against "bourgeois liberalization" and Western influence.

The clampdown on the media probably offers a taste of things to come. There are rumours of blacklists being drawn up of academics, teachers and others, who will be expected to confess their "crimes" or lose their jobs, or their party position, or even their city residence permits. The only flicker of light on the horizon, if Mr Li Peng is as conservative as the people of Peking fear, is that there must be a next time.

Statue revives flagging Peking campaign

From Mary Dejevsky, Peking

Peking students successfully revived interest in their flagging campaign for more democracy yesterday by erecting a 30-ft high replica of the Statue of Liberty in the middle of Tiananmen Square.

But construction of the statue through the early hours of yesterday morning coincided with the first reported arrests in the Chinese capital since martial law was imposed 10 days ago.

The official Peking Daily yesterday reported that three people had been arrested in connection with the recent demonstrations in Peking. The three, who were not identified, are all believed to be workers and to include a leader of the unofficial union formed during the protests.

It was the mass involvement of workers in the student protests that seemed to worry the authorities most, and the pledge of no reprisals given to the students was never extended to workers who went on strike to join the demonstrations. There are increasing reports of workers being fined or threatened with job loss for taking part.

The Peking Daily also reported the arrest of 11 members of a motorcycle squad who had acted as couriers and reconnaissance officers for the student leaders.

As soon as news of the

arrests became known, more than 100 students began a sit-in outside the police headquarters off Tiananmen Square, in defiance of loud-speaker warnings against ignoring martial law.

"Do not arrest people secretly," the students shouted. "Let people know."

At the opposite end of the square, a festive atmosphere prevailed as crowds of students and curious passers-by awaited the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty replica at 12

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Replicas of the Statue of Liberty, valued at \$2 million (£2 million) for Peking's students in the past week are unsure how to spend the money over. The cash was raised from marches, rallies and a marathon pop concert.

noon. The statue stands surrounded by student banners, its torch pointing directly to the portrait of Mao Tse-tung on the Tiananmen gate.

At noon, a speech praising democracy was followed by the removal of red and blue covers from the head of the "Goddess of Democracy". There was loud cheering and Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" was played by loudspeakers. Then the crowd joined in a spirited rendering of the Internationale.

The successful completion

of the statue seemed to give student leaders new confidence in their campaign and made it unlikely that the voluntary withdrawal from the square planned for yesterday would take place. By midnight more than 100,000 people had gathered.

Loudspeaker announcements from the authorities shouted that the statue had been illegally erected in the square in contravention of a 1981 city regulation, and should be removed immediately. China, the announcement said, was not a democracy, but even in America people would not be allowed to build statues outside Congress. Such is now the general contempt for the authorities, however, that the huge crowd only laughed.

The statue took students from the Peking Institute of Art three days to build in the precinct of their college, and nearly 10 hours to reconstruct on the square, but at no stage did the authorities intervene.

Through the early hours of Tuesday morning, the 20 or so students engaged in the construction work were cheered on by a growing crowd of interested bystanders.

Many of those in the crowd had heard rumours about a statue and come along to see whether they were true.



Protesters arguing yesterday outside Peking police headquarters after three members of their movement disappeared.

Attack on liberalism renewed Hong Kong transfers boat people to exposed island

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

Students argue that the "Statue of Liberty" they have put up in Tiananmen Square has more to do with freedom than with the United States, but that is not how the stalwarts of the Communist Party will see it: for them it will seem a symbol of bourgeois liberalism, the pet hate of Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader.

This two-year-old "ism" means using Western political theories to oppose the Communist Party and to advocate capitalism. The statue, rather obviously drawing its influence from abroad, faces the portrait of Mao Tse-tung, the founder of modern China, as if challenging him and the system he created.

Attacks on bourgeois liberalism, which many people hoped had died a natural death, have begun to feature again in statements made by Chinese leaders. Nobody could quite believe their ears when, at the beginning of May, Mr He Dongchang, the Vice-Minister of Education, blamed the student protests on the fight against bourgeois liberalism not being vigorous enough. Students and academics who in recent weeks have challenged the right of the leadership to rule China are only too aware that the

most likely outcome of their recent actions is a similar campaign.

The concept of bourgeois liberalism dates from the last round of student protests in late 1986. It "poisons the mind of young people", the *People's Daily* said in a New Year 1987 editorial. The people who were accused of encouraging bourgeois liberalism were punished the same month. Yet this was not like past purges. It did not mean total humiliation or imprisonment.

Among those punished was Mr Fang Lizi, then the Hefei University vice-president, who was sacked and expelled from the Communist Party — then given a research post at Peking Observatory. He has since become a leading dissident.

The president of the Academy of Social Sciences, Mr Su Shaozhi, a respected Marxist theorist, was also fired, but he kept his party membership and was given another research post.

In 1987, leaders took every opportunity to tell the world that the political clampdown would in no way affect economic reform. The door would remain open to foreign investment and trade. Mr Li Peng, the Prime Minister, has echoed this even in his most hardline speeches.

Yet the leadership for the past 10 years

has been presented with a real conundrum: How do you open your door to foreign currency and technology without at the same time letting in "the flies" of Western political thought?

Mr Li has also echoed the statement that there are only a very few people engaged in creating turmoil, but the unrest this time has been vast compared with that of late 1986. The events of the past week may have given the leadership such a fright that they can no longer rest content with purging a few scapegoats.

As yet no falls from power have been announced, nor have there been sanctions against intellectuals. Mr Zhao Ziyang, who is officially still General Secretary, is widely seen as the advocate of political reform. Yet it is he who, both as Prime Minister and then as the General Secretary taking over from Hu, who consistently has said most about the need to oppose bourgeois liberalism.

Mr Li has in fact said little of ideology. But both leaders have repeated that conditions in China are not right for Western or Soviet-style political reform. It is the Communist Party, and the Communist Party alone, which has the qualifications and the right to rule China, they insist.

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Hong Kong transfers boat people to exposed island

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Saying its resources for housing Vietnamese boat people have been overwhelmed, Hong Kong yesterday moved 350 men, women and children to an exposed island with only basic rations and no shelter.

The Vietnamese, the latest of the 2,300 boat people who have arrived in the British colony over the past three days, were taken by police launch and left under guard on Tai A Chan, the main island in the Soko group.

"They will be provided with food and water but we are not able to provide them with shelter," the government refugee co-ordinator, Mr Mike Hanson, said. "We simply have no accommodation left."

Mr Hanson added that any new arrivals would be towed out to the Sokos if their boats were seaworthy but would have the option of continuing their voyage if they wished.

The Sokos, among Hong

Kong's 236 islands, are inhabited by only one elderly Chinese couple. There is no running water and there are no facilities except for a ramshackle former school. Rain and thunderstorms were forecast for the region last night.

There are now nearly 38,000 Vietnamese boat people jammed into Hong Kong's camps, prisons and detention centres.

Nearly 24,000 of them, who arrived after Hong Kong introduced a tough new screening policy last year, are regarded as illegal immigrants.

They are being held pending repatriation unless they can prove they are genuine refugees under UN criteria and not just economic migrants.

Mr Fazel Karim, head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office here, refused to comment on the latest development. The number of

refugees being resettled in third countries has dried to a trickle and less than 140 have voluntarily returned to Hanoi under UN protection.

An international conference on boat people is to be held in Geneva next month and is expected to formally adopt a screening policy coupled with voluntary repatriation similar to that operated by Hong Kong.

But Hong Kong officials argue that the system is too slow and say forced repatriation is now the only answer. Such a move is opposed by the United States, Vietnam and the UNHCR, all of whom are participating in the Geneva conference.

● **Plea to consulate:** About a dozen municipal councillors yesterday petitioned the US consulate here for Washington's support for Hong Kong's forced repatriation programme of boat people. Letters, page 13

INVESTIGATION INTO THE CLAPHAM JUNCTION RAILWAY ACCIDENT

FINAL DAY

Final submissions on the evidence presented to the Clapham Junction Investigation, will take place at Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SW1, on Tuesday 6 June 1989 at 9.30 am.

Counsel for each represented party will have the opportunity to address the Court referring to the written submissions which they will have prepared in advance. Reference copies will be available for members of the public.

Any enquiries should be made to the Clapham Junction Investigation Secretariat on 01-276 0838.

Egypt cracks down on drug problem

Death penalty introduced for traffickers

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

The millions of foreign tourists and businessmen visiting Egypt every year will soon find their entry visas stamped with the grim warning: "Execution for drug dealers and smugglers." It is part of a draconian new campaign against the most serious drug problem in the Middle East.

The announcement was made yesterday by Mr Farouk Seif al-Nasr, the Justice Minister, who said that the first 27 offenders due to be executed under a new draft law which introduced the death penalty for those convicted of cultivating, smuggling or trading drugs, have had their sentences referred to the Muslim Grand Mufti of Egypt. This is one of the last stages before execution is carried out.

The Justice Minister, who is collaborating on the campaign with Major-General Zaki Badr, the hardline Interior Minister, stated that court sittings would be extended during the summer to assist the pursuit of drug-related cases and that special crash courses in the new anti-drugs legislation would be organized for judges, prosecutors, policemen and Customs officials.

Under the new law now being rushed through the People's Assembly prison terms for drug offences will be

increased and fines will start at £12,500 instead of £1,250 — the current minimum. Provision will be introduced enabling the Government to nationalize any land being used for narcotic plants.

According to officials, the death penalty will be widely applied and will be used against foreigners as well as Egyptian nationals. The new measures have been motivated by figures which show that last year, Egyptian police seized 735lb of heroin compared with only 171lb in 1987. They fear that over 10 times that amount is being smuggled into the country annually.

In recent years Egypt, with its population of 54 million, has become an increasing domestic drugs consumer as well as a transit point for shipments heading to Europe and the US from Lebanon and South-East Asia.

Medical experts estimate that some 30,000 Egyptians are addicted to heroin, which is often sold openly in the teeming slums of Cairo where crumbling tenements known to house drug dealers have been covered in posters marked with a macabre skull and crossbones and warning against "white poison".

As part of the anti-drugs drive, which Western observ-

ers believe is not unlike the one recently introduced in Iran, the semi-official Cairo media now regularly highlight horror stories of the effects of drug abuse.

One recent case which caught the public imagination



General Badr: A hardline approach to drug issues.

concerned Abdo, an Egyptian clothes merchant who tried to saw off his wife's arm when she refused to hand over her last gold bangle in order to pay for his supply of heroin.

"I held on to her hand, grabbed a kitchen knife and cut into her arm. I barely heard her screams," he told

the police. "All I wanted and thought of was getting her bracelet and my heroin."

Now aged 37, Abdo had been treated for heroin addiction seven times in the previous four years. He said that he spent thousands of pounds on drugs, selling a family farm, part of his business and his furniture, as well as his wife's jewellery in order to finance his habit.

Officials face a daunting task because drug abuse is widely tolerated in Egypt, a society long renowned for its relative hedonism in a region where alcohol is being increasingly eliminated by the rapid growth of Muslim extremism.

The authorities believe that heroin first began to arrive in Egypt in large quantities in 1982. It became a national issue two years ago when the popular television actor, Farouk al-Fishawi, confessed publicly that he was receiving treatment for heroin addiction. Four other of the country's most popular entertainers were arrested at a drugs orgy in a luxury Cairo apartment last month.

A leading Egyptian psychiatrist, Dr Muhammad Shalal, claimed that a decline of Islamic civilization had contributed to the sudden explosion in drug abuse. "The

real culprit is our degeneracy. Many Egyptians today are frustrated, demoralized. They lack a sense of value, of belonging to a nation, of belief that there is something worthwhile to fight for."

The psychiatrist noted that the ancient Egyptians had also brewed beer, but said that the modern use of hard drugs was a quite different phenomenon.

The escalation of the drug problem has been accompanied by a dramatic surge in crime in a country which until recently was relatively free of it despite chronic over-crowding and other social problems. Dealers with automatic weapons have fought gun battles with police and Brigadier Mandouh al-Gohari, a police spokesman, estimated that 80 per cent of the break-ins and car thefts in Cairo were now being carried out by drug addicts.

Diplomatic sources believe that none of the first 27 offenders on Egypt's new Death Row is a Westerner. But they point out that Mrs Maureen Paleschi, a British woman from Cleveland, who recently lost an appeal against a 25-year sentence she is serving here for heroin smuggling, would have faced execution if her original case had come up today.

Trial of collision captain delayed

Pireas (AP) — The trial of the captain of the Italian freighter that last October rammed the Greek cruise ship *Jupiter*, carrying hundreds of British schoolchildren, killing a pupil and teacher, has been postponed until next year because of lack of court time in this port city near Athens.

Captain Flavio Caminale, aged 46, of Genoa, Italy, was freed on bail last November after being charged, among other things, with manslaughter through negligence.

No powers

Bastia (AP) — A Corsican court has ruled that it does not have jurisdiction in the case of Mr Raymond Thom, a Briton aged 24, charged with "failing to assist persons in danger over the death of his companion and their baby."

Bomb charge

Sydney (Reuter) — Mr Timothy Anderson, aged 36, a former member of an Indian religious sect, has been charged with the 1978 bomb murder of three people outside a Commonwealth heads of government meeting.

Call rebuked

Canberra (Reuter) — Australia rebuked Mr Sergio Buschmann, a Chilean activist, for calling for the murder of President Pinochet, but said this would not influence its response to an extradition plea by Chile.

Sunday decree

Suva (Reuter) — Fiji has relaxed a Sunday observance decree, allowing transport, farming and eating out, but maintaining a ban on shopping, sport and entertainment.

Lava damage

Kalapana (AP) — Oozing lava from Kilaua, the world's most active volcano, has begun ravaging private property in Hawaii.

Court ruling

The Hague (Reuter) — A Dutch court says it has no power to try Sergeant Charles Short, a US soldier accused of his wife's murder.

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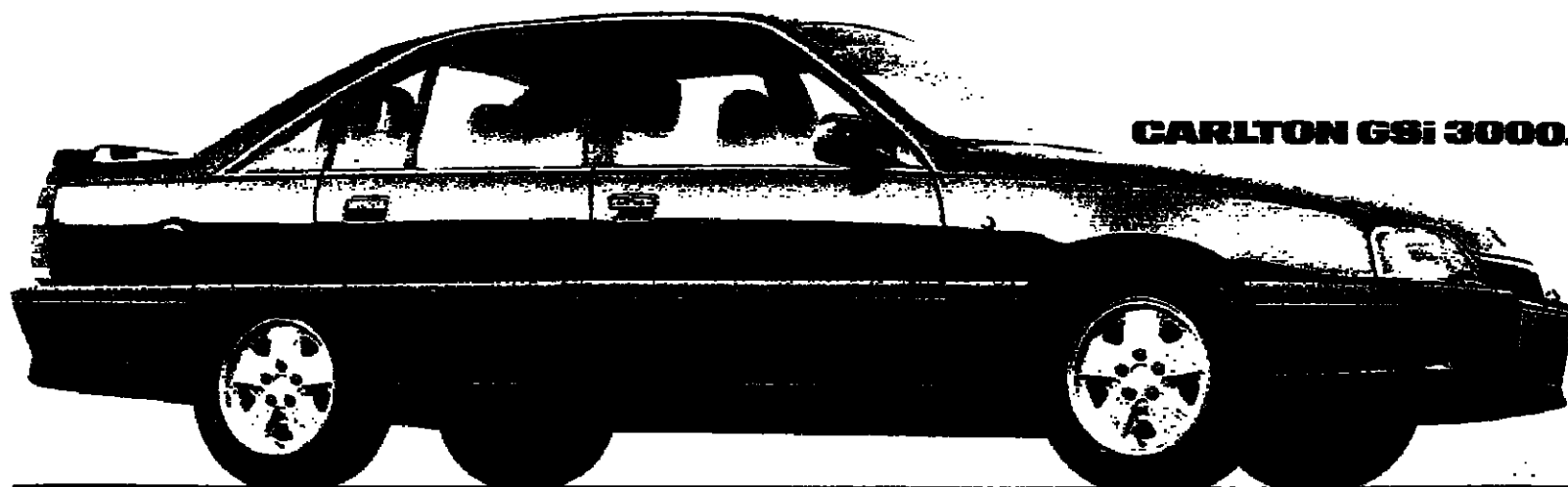
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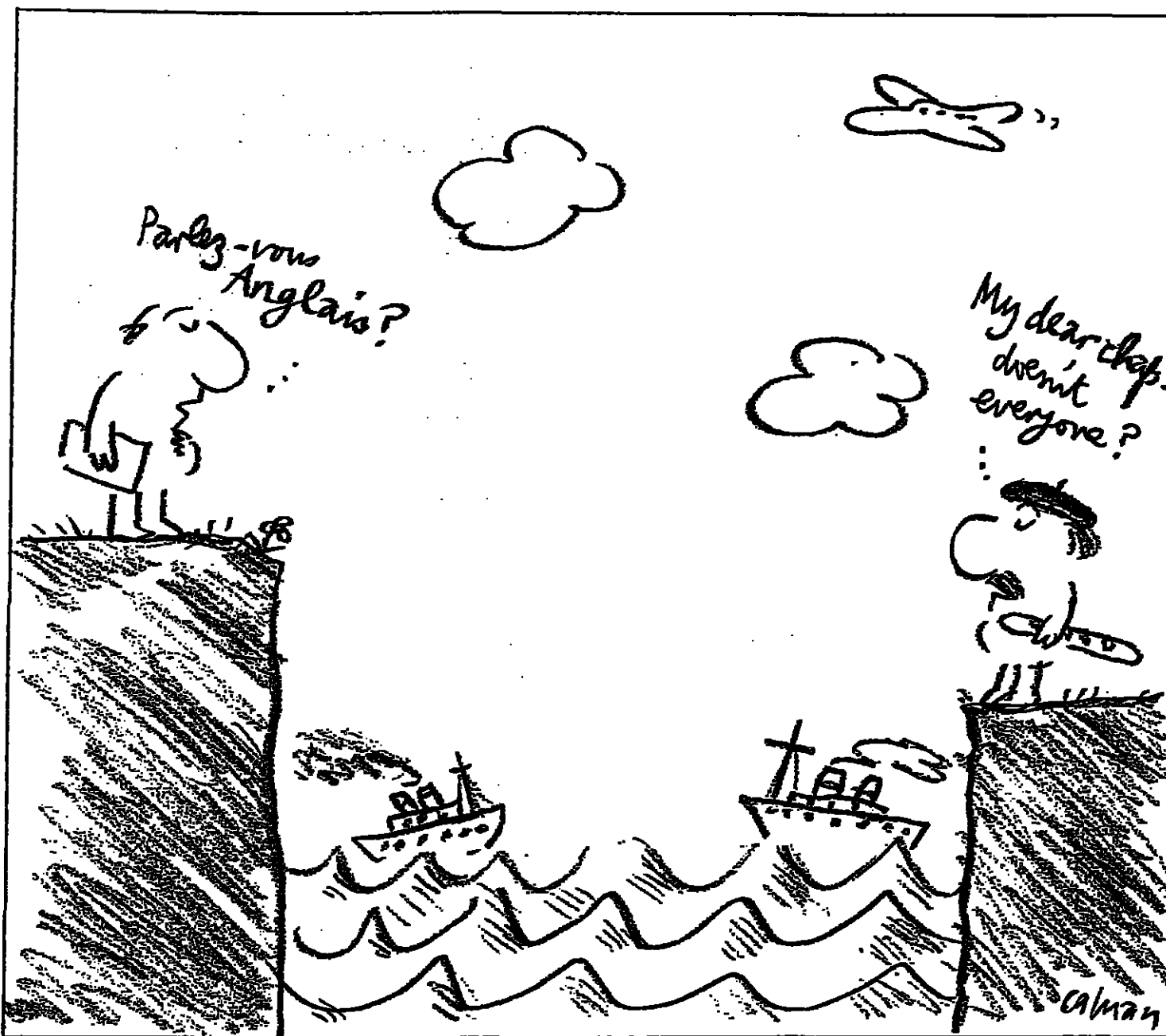
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English — a word of warning



PART 3:
A language of
complacency?

All over Europe,
a mastery of
English is seen as
the key to the
doors of success
in commerce
and industry,
George Hill
reports. But there
are dangers in
arrogant refusal
to talk to our
neighbours
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It is becoming easier day by day for the British to swagger about Europe as they always have done, expecting to be understood everywhere without having to offer a "Scusi" or a "Verzeihen Sie" by way of apology for their historic ineptitude at languages.

But the easier it becomes, the more the complacent monoglot should feel a twinge of alarm, as well as shame. For the upsurge in the learning of English throughout Europe in the 1980s has not come about to smooth the path of the tourist from Gatwick, but because the English language is becoming too precious for competitors to leave mastery of it to the English.

It is a cliché of our time that English is becoming a colossus among languages, dominating its rivals through a kind of inexorable market process. It is true that English is becoming the main key to international communication, but doors are only half-open to the English speaker who does not have another language.

Only two out of five British schoolchildren study any foreign language. In France and Germany twice as many do so, and their curricula ensure that language students devote significantly more time to the subject.

A survey in November 1987 by Eurobarometer, which carries out polls in community countries for the European Commission, found that English did not even top the list in Europe as the language most commonly spoken in the home. Native German speakers make up the largest numbers. Then come English, French and Italian close behind.

The same survey also asked where English was most often "spoken correctly" outside the United Kingdom. Denmark and the Netherlands topped the league, with rates of about 50 per cent. Germany came next, with about one-third, and then France, with about one-fifth, with other partner countries still further behind. By implication, English would be an inefficient means of getting a message across to two Germans in three, and four Frenchmen out of five.

English is almost certainly more widely learnt as a foreign language today than in 1987, but the proportion of those using it as their own tongue is unlikely to have changed much. Such things change only slowly.

As EC member countries become increasingly aware of the imminence of closer integration, demand for English instruction has

greatly increased. This is particularly so in France, where the number of adults taking courses has benefited from a law which obliges all businesses with 10 or more employees to devote at least 1.2 per cent of wage costs to some form of training.

In Troyes, a moderately-sized town 90 miles east of Paris, the Centre d'Etude des Langues has increased its number of English teachers from three to 20 since 1984. Major local employers such as the champagne producers Moët et Chandon, which has 2,500 workers, hope that eventually all their employees will be able to speak English.

This approach marks a significant change which is being brought about by the elimination of trade barriers. In the past, facility in languages was seen as desirable for specialists and senior members of staff. But its usefulness in every corner of a company's operations is becoming increasingly apparent, from middle-management to the receptionists who will be answering more and more calls from abroad, and the warehousemen who will have to greet lorries bringing merchandise from Britain.

"There has been a considerable advance in the awareness of industrialists of the need for English,"

says Tony Shaw, head of a British Council unit which has been researching the implications of 1992 for language training. "Our own language schools in Europe have expanded rapidly in the last few years, but demand has grown so much that we are concerned about unrecognized schools, where standards are not always as high, stepping in to take advantage of it."

The British Council, which have to be financially self-supporting, "increasing demand is pushing down the average age of students," says David Willis, deputy director of the council's group responsible for the management of language schools in Europe. "Traditionally, the majority of them have been in their late teens or early twenties. Now one of the fastest-growing demands is for classes for schoolchildren."

"Language teaching is a very volatile profession. People are experimenting with new methods all the time. There are more visual aids coming into the classroom, and computers are giving us new

ways of getting people to use the language actively, with strategy games and management simulations which provide a context for them to argue, write reports and work things out."

Shaw says that the EC member country in which demand for English is growing most rapidly is Spain. This is partly because comparatively few people there speak the language — a legacy of Spain's isolation in the Franco era — as well as its accession only recently to the community. In Italy interest has been rising more slowly, while in Greece the obstacles to the expansion of English teaching are much greater.

The fact that a country so small geographically should produce a language so dominant internationally, has created natural resentments and fears in other member countries.

"These feelings are very much underlined by the fact that the British do not learn foreign languages — something which is seen as arrogance," Shaw says. "It is an issue which is very much fraught. Recently I went to an international meeting in Vienna, at which it had been agreed in advance that the proceedings would be conducted in English. But a French delegate insisted on speaking French. These

feelings are not confined to the French. I remember another meeting where one of the joint chairmen insisted on speaking Portuguese, and another where a sub-committee who were almost all German speakers were obliged by the rules to get along in French."

Speakers of minority languages are often less concerned about a perceived hegemony of English than about a joint hegemony of English and French. After the decline of Latin as an international language 300 years ago, French took over literally as the "lingua franca" of diplomatic and cultural exchange. But English, by becoming the language of a superpower, the United States, and the imperial language of the British Empire, has in many ways supplanted French in its turn. (It appears, incidentally, that in Europe the dialect that is in demand is almost exclusively "English" English, rather than American, in spite of the decline of empire.)

French nationals are paradoxical in their attitudes to these developments. Until recently, they have been markedly less ready than the Germans to condescend to speak other languages. But no other people are such magpies for turns of phrase from abroad. Neither are they so insistent in their attempts to turn back the tide administratively.

"They love being in the swim," says John Ardagh, author of the book *The French*. "Silly, garbled anglicisms come into fashion and go out again, not because of any admiration for things British or American, but out of love of novelty. Then the purists fulfil their duty, they even attempt to ban foreign borrowings by law, in some contexts such as advertising."

The French writer and journalist Philippe Daudy, who is not at all in sympathy with his country's pedants in this matter, points out that their worst fears are misplaced. "It is a fact that today English will become the first language of the world for international communication, and also that French will be the second, and Spanish the third. It is reasonable and right to protect the French language, but it is absurd to pretend that it can be what it was in the 18th century, when France was the most powerful and prosperous nation in the world."

The tendency of the big battalions to increase their domination in a world of increasingly intense intercommunications is a threat to all languages except the very largest. The EC educational programme "Lingua", which has been partially side-tracked by British opposition, sought to mitigate the trend by encouraging pupils to study a second foreign language. Where only one is studied, it is almost bound to be English or French. In this league, even German rates as a minority language.

Our own advantage in speaking "the first language of the world" carries with it the temptation of trying to get by on it by itself. It enables its speakers to make themselves understood all over the world. But to communicate at more than a superficial level, one must speak to one's partners in the language in which they think and feel.

Royal pride

Morocco finds its
900ft mosque a
mixed blessing

Among the Atlantic waves off the coast of Casablanca, a workforce of 2,500 is labouring against the clock to complete one of the most grandiose buildings of modern times.

The Hassan II mosque, the third largest in the world, will have cost \$325 million by the time its 900ft minaret is topped by a laser beamed towards Mecca.

As Arab leaders gather in emergency sessions in the port city, an apparently doomed attempt is being made to complete the French-designed edifice by July 9, the sixtieth birthday of King Hassan II of Morocco, after whom it is named.

With a prayer room capable of holding more than 25,000 worshippers, the mosque is claimed by Moroccans to be smaller only than those of Mecca and Medina. In addition to the workers on site, another 10,000 are busy making mosaics, carving wood and polishing the slabs of rose marble with which the concrete walls will be faced.

But the gigantic building, begun more than 19 months ago, is a source of resentment as well as pride among ordinary Moroccans, 12 million of whom contributed to meet the ever-rising costs.

Although political protest is muted in a country where the absolute monarch is a Commander of the Faithful, a title given to descendants of the Prophet Mohammed, there is still criticism of the extortionate methods used to raise funds by men often described as the king's "cruel collectors".

The king urged his subjects to give what they could, even if it was only one dirham (the equivalent of 10p). But many — including the very poor — claim to have been persuaded to donate more than they can afford.

A turnover tax of 1 per cent was levied on all firms. But many businessmen in Casablanca say more was often extracted by over-zealous civil servants anxious to prove their loyalty.

"In the early stages of the project, resentment was high," a Western diplomat said. "But now the money has been raised, that feeling has given way among many Moroccans to one of pride. They realize that the king's ambitions have resulted in their country earning a leading place on the Islamic map."

But among Moroccan intellectuals, there is a strong feeling that the project may prove as much a monument to King Hassan's vanity as a religious shrine. Many believe that the monarch, scion of the Alaoui Dynasty, has plans to be buried inside, turning it eventually into a mausoleum on a truly pharaonic scale.

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No 18: The prose stylist

Q: Over the past few weeks, I have come across the term "prose stylist". The late Bruce Chatwin, we are frequently told, was "a great prose stylist". What does a "prose stylist" do, and how can I become one?

A: The job of prose stylist grew out of the old literary salons, where male and female writers would gather to have their prose "seen to" by specialists. Few are better placed for an insight into the profession of prose styling than Pepe of Bond Street, prose stylist to three Booker Prize winners and one literary knight. Pepe



CRAIG BROWN

started his career sweeping discarded adjectives off the floor in a literary salon on the outskirts of Barcelona, graduating to adding colour to lifeless characterizations, until he finally opened the first salon of his own in 1976.

Leading writer and politician Roy Hattersley drops in on Pepe when he feels that his prose is growing too ungainly. "Just a trim, Pepe!" he says. "And perhaps you would be so good as to snip off one or two childhood reminiscences. They are tending to get in the way."

"Si, Señor Hattersley," says Pepe, his delicate hands sifting through the greying strands of Mr Hattersley's soft and oily prose, "and I take off the first and last line of each paragraph — it is looking so untidy, no?" Mr Hattersley looks a little disconcerted. "Oh," he says, "I rather like my early intro. But as you say, Pepe, as you say!"

Brandishing his scissors with pride, the master prose stylist starts by cutting great clumps of prose off the first Hattersley paragraph, and, as the "but-I-do-not-recalls" and the "much-as-I-deplores" flutter to the floor, Mr Hattersley's prose begins to look almost manageable.

Next in the queue, quietly composing a major new opera for comb and loo paper ensemble, is leading author

Anthony Burgess. "I find that I have to visit a decent prose stylist at least once a week," he admits. "My prose seems to grow fatter than anyone else's. Within days it has developed great big knots which only the experts can begin to unravel."

Pepe tends to employ an electric power-cutter on Mr Burgess's prose, trimming whole paragraphs, even chapters, at a time. "Mr Burgess, he has beautiful prose, but it needs constant attention," he explains. He laughs as he recalls some of the things nestling within it. "Once, I cut a novel and I find six good short stories there, and I even find a whole polemic hidden beneath a book review." It is sometimes rumoured that Mr Burgess uses artificial colouring on his autobiographies.

Many of Pepe's distinguished clientele suffer from thinning prose, including loss of meaning. Some discover an increasing number of subordinate clauses and even main arguments coming away when scratched. But Pepe finds that, with the application of a bit of hot air, even a few wisps of incoherent thought can be lent the impression of weight.

Take, for instance, the case of the next writer in the queue, Mr Melvyn Bragg. Seeing his lengthy novels on the shelves, plastered with shining reviews, a great many readers believe that there must be a lot to them. In fact, the illusion of depth is testament to the versatility of the aerosol, odd, derivative flecks of story gaining bounce from Pepe's Famous Prose Lacquer. Thus, many critics claim Bragg's prose "lacks for nothing".

"At times like these," says Pepe, as he sweeps up the assorted strands of fuzzy metaphors and split infinitives, "society needs as many prose stylists as it can get."

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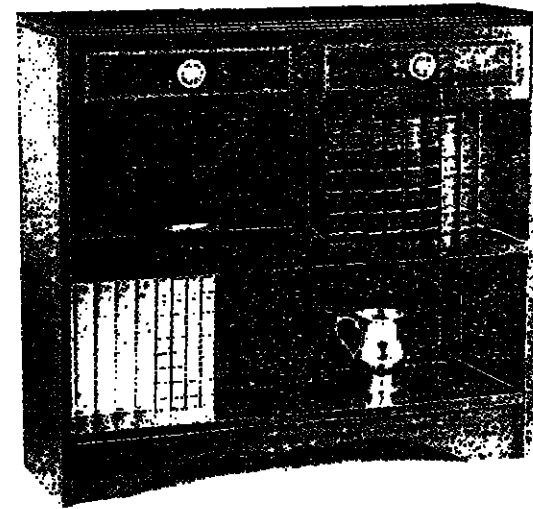
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One of the more poignant passages from Andy Warhol's newly published diary concerns a "little freckle" who started crying after the editor of Warhol's magazine rejected one of her fashion stories. Warhol says he thought about hiring her, but decided she did not know how to dress. The lady was Anna Wintour. Nowadays she edits *Vogue* and wears Chanel.

Brigitte Bardot has written the preface to a new edition of the collected works of Colette. The relationship between actress and author is an exceedingly catty one. This is not because they did not hit it off when they met. Indeed, the writer exclaimed that the 15-year-old Bardot was "my Gigi" and Brigitte responded by describing herself as Colette's "spiritual daughter". But the former sex kitten, now the world's best-known animal-loving recluse, still cares for the descendants of Colette's cats. Colette kept cats at St Tropez before Bardot arrived to take the town's strays to her bosom. Of the progeny of Colette's colony, Bardot writes: "Some have gone wild, some have died from illness, and some have been adopted by tourists. I have the others."

Stand by your standpipes. It's going to be a long hot summer, according to Britain's amateur weathermen. "You can't argue with facts," says Arthur Mackins, retired bank clerk of Bognor, who has studied the runes at length. "It is a fact that since the war all the summers ending in nine - '49, '59, '69, and '79 - have been good, whereas all the eights have been disastrous." William Foggitt, of Thirsk in Yorkshire, follows the signs of nature to reach similar conclusions. This year frogs spawned in the centre of his pond, rather than round the edge, and that he says is the sign of impending drought because the frogs plainly suspect the pond is going to dry up. "Bees in May mean a load of hay," he adds sagely. In Ayrshire, Frank Walker, a retired Met Office man, thinks June is going to favour Scotland, but that July and August will again be hotter in the south.

BARRY FANTONI



'At least they can't blame it on a frustrating delay at Gatwick'

The annual report of the Federation of Bakers discloses that more than 1.5 million of those big plastic baskets used for bread delivery disappeared last year. They were worth £6 million. The federation's director, Tony Casdagli, is resurrecting a baskets working party to see how best losses can be reduced. "This has been going on for years," a federation spokesman said yesterday. "Our baskets get used for some funny things. Last time we looked into it we found that some of them were being used as lobster pots."

Boots have been crippling the British Army - official. The growing number of recruits falling out with lower limb injuries has been attributed, at least in part, to the wearing of BCB (boots combat high). Now fitting is to be more closely supervised and they will be broken in only gradually. In some units recruits will not be allowed to run in their boots in the first four or five weeks they have them. There are also to be new training shoes instead of Army plimsolls, and eventually rigid gym floors may be replaced with sprung types. One day, perhaps, our fighting men will be almost as fit as ballet dancers.

Brussels was a masterpiece by President Bush. In the small hours of Tuesday morning, Nato foreign ministers emerged from their meeting here with a piece of paper that signalled an end to one of the most divisive disputes experienced by Western leaders for many years.

The short-range nuclear missile row was over - at least as far as the Nato summit was concerned. No doubt there will be different interpretations on the wording when the time comes for East and West to negotiate reductions in tactical missiles, but Bush's magic wand helped the foreign ministers to emerge from their deliberations with a result.

His arms-cut initiative the previous day, especially his challenge to Moscow to reach an agreement on conventional force levels within a year, provided the West German government with the vital ingredient to persuade its electorate that Bonn had won the most important concession of all from London and Washington. That was the promise of negotiations on tactical missiles within a comparatively short time, perhaps two or three years.

Of course, at the moment it is all words. The tanks, artillery, troop carriers and aircraft to be

Michael Evans sees satisfaction all round in the missile decision

Nato's classic compromise

assigned to the scrapheap are still on Europe's central front. An agreement has not yet been reached at the Vienna conventional forces talks. So the euphoria should not obscure the fact that hard negotiations and a complex verification programme lie ahead.

Nevertheless, the impossible appears to have happened. Chancellor Kohl and his ebullient foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, are happy men. And Mrs Thatcher, who has fought hardest of all to avoid a compromise on short-range missile negotiations, appears satisfied that the text's wording is sufficiently tight to remove the possibility of a "third zero", the elimination of all land-based short-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

Now that the summit is over, it is time to put the missile issue to one side. If the Bush conventional arms initiative is to bear fruit, the alliance will have to focus on the Vienna talks.

West/West relations are now back on course.

The Brussels summit has given Bush his first foreign policy success, and it has provided the somewhat jaded European heads of government with the sort of leadership that can come only from Washington. The Bush administration may have acquired a reputation for excessive caution since taking over from Reagan in January, but the strategy clearly has its merits. An initiative, when it comes, has the appearance of even greater boldness.

Bush played his cards well. The momentum of the "German view", propagated so cleverly by Genscher, was gathering pace in Europe. Only Mrs Thatcher among the European allies stood out resolutely against negotiations on short-range missiles. The Thatcher role was crucial because Bush needed a strong voice in a wavering Europe to keep the Genscher bandwagon in check.

But it was always going to be Washington's decision on when missile negotiations could be contemplated. This is when "the spirit of Kamehameha" burst on to the scene. Just over two weeks ago, Bush called many of his chief advisers to his home in Maine and, after a weekend of debate, sent Lawrence Eagleburger, a deputy secretary of state, and Bob Gates, deputy national security adviser, to European capitals with the message of a new initiative.

The seeds of a compromise began to grow. Last week, for the first time, Mrs Thatcher started to soften her line. She told her officials to reveal that she remained "highly sceptical" about negotiations but was open to persuasion. Three days later, the same officials talked of possible negotiations after "tangible implementation of a conventional arms agreement". The shift was clearly in response to the Eagleburger/Gates visit to Downing Street early last week.

Anyone who changes a position in a negotiation becomes vulnerable to the accusation that the reasons for the previous stance have been undercut. One side has won, the other has lost. This would be an unfair judgement on the Brussels summit.

Concessions have certainly been made, but from the very beginning - although no doubt Mrs Thatcher would deny it - there was an inevitability that an agreement would be reached. Only the timing and the conditions stood in the way of a compromise.

Bush's decision to make a compromise possible by bringing forward the timetable for big cuts in conventional forces had what Mrs Thatcher called a psychological effect on the rest of the alliance. But in forging a compromise, Bush does not appear to have sacrificed the principle that the alliance needs a mix of up-to-date nuclear and conventional forces in Europe to deter potential aggression.

The agreement leaves a number of questions unanswered. At what stage in the implementation of a conventional arms agreement will the talks on short-range missiles begin? Does implementation mean across-the-board cuts - in other words, must there be withdrawals (and destruction) from all categories under discussion: tanks, artillery, armoured troop carriers, aircraft and helicopters? What is envisaged by the reference in Nato's concept of arms control and disarmament to the need for land, sea and air-based nuclear systems in Europe "as far as can be foreseen"?

But at this stage, the answers do not really matter. There is enough flexibility in the language to allow Kohl and Genscher to return to Bonn in the belief that they have achieved what they wanted. But for the hardliners like Mrs Thatcher and Bush, the language is firm enough to put constraints on the negotiations.

It could be described as another classic example of an alliance compromise. But it is a good compromise, and the success of the summit should be seen as an important achievement both for Bush and for the alliance as they improve relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Cyril Lin sees a gloomy outlook for China's liberal reformers

Deng's juggling act that ended in ruin

China's power struggle has intensified in the last few days, so much so that even Deng Xiaoping is threatened. Having dismissed the party secretary-general, Zhao Ziyang, the conservatives are arguing about the nature of the indictment against him: should it be limited to his support for the student demonstrators, or should it be widened to include his pioneering economic reforms? If the wider charge is chosen, Deng would be implicated.

The military are divided on the issue. But whoever triumphs, the victory will be pyrrhic, and short-lived at that. In reality, everyone has lost. The biggest loser has to be Deng. His reputation, his major achievement in retrieving the country from the dark ages of the Cultural Revolution, his boldness in sanctioning radical economic reforms and opening up China, have all been shattered within the space of a few weeks by the suppression of unprecedented popular dissent.

The dismissal of Zhao, the impending crackdown on liberals within and outside the party and government and the farcical accusations used for such repression ("a handful of counter-revolutionaries in the party seeking to split the party") negate all the strenuous efforts Deng has made to ensure that the political practices of the Cultural Revolution are never repeated. It shows how superficial changes in China have been over the past 10 years.

The drama began a decade ago with the introduction of economic reforms. Chinese leaders were impatient for systemic change but they lacked ideas or blueprints. Chinese reforms thus became an open-ended process and proceeded through trial and error. It became clear, however, that partial reforms and ideologically attractive compromise solutions, such as market processes founded on central planning and state ownership, were inconsistent and unworkable. If further progress was to be made, the leaders would have to re-examine fundamental issues such as capital markets, ownership changes and, ultimately, political pluralism.

The radical reformers, led by Zhao, advocated developing a full market system along South Korean and Taiwanese lines. By contrast, conservative reformers, led by Chen Yun, Yao Yilin, Wang Zhen and Li Xianmin, advocated limiting the scope of market processes to preserve the primacy of central planning. They brooked no nonsense about ownership reform or political pluralism.

Within these profound divisions over economic reforms Deng attempted a precarious political balancing act: managing economic modernization through rigid political discipline. While Deng was pragmatic



about the future course of economic reforms and refused to back either the conservatives or radicals, there was never any doubt about his ingrained Leninist political orthodoxy and virulent objections to any diminution of the Communist Party's monopoly of power. Liberal economic reform was to be counterbalanced by political conservatism.

With the liberal Zhao (then prime minister) in charge of economic reforms, it was essential that political checks and balances be effected through the then party secretary-general, Hu Yaobang. But Hu was at heart a political liberal, and his failure to perform his allotted role led to his dismissal in early 1987 following student demonstrations.

Deng tried to reconstruct another balanced leadership at the 13th Party Congress (October 1987) and at the 7th National People's Congress (March 1988). His efforts were complicated by the need to resolve the succession issue before his death. This required the (nominal) retirement of conservative veteran leaders, whose price for doing so was the appointment of their man, Li Peng, as prime minister and Yao Yilin as the economic tsar, leaving Zhao as the party secretary-general.

But this configuration was absurd from the start. The whole idea of balance was to have political orthodoxy with market reforms, yet the leadership structure that emerged last year was topsy-turvy: a liberal in charge of political ideology and a conservative running the economy.

China has never had a balanced, consensus leadership and

the attempt to create one failed from the start. By late 1988, the conservatives had mounted a campaign to discredit and unseat Zhao. With Deng hinting earlier this year at his desire to retire from his only remaining post, the power struggle for the succession began in earnest.

In this political game, Zhao was always outnumbered. In spite of nearly ten years in power, he had failed to build up a credible power base. His sponsorship of certain research institutes (and of their radical reform proposals), as well as his boldness in experimenting with ideologically sensitive, poorly conceived and high-risk economic policies which contributed to an overheated economy, led even non-conservatives to question his judgement.

Zhao is a man to be applauded for his liberalism and for the courage of his convictions; but he is also a naive politician for whom the ruthless logic of existing Chinese *realpolitik* has no place. A shrewd politician would have realized that there never was any chance of the student demonstrations immediately succeeding in any of their aims. The Peking military leaders' refusal to use force against the students never implied support for their cause.

Zhao's fatal mistake was to have sided with the students instead of maintaining the party's united front. Had he adopted the latter tactic, unpopular as it may have been, he could at least have remained to continue the internal power struggle which, in view of the student demonstrations and massive popular demands for a more liberal society, must have weakened the conservatives' position.

Now the leadership is completely in the hands of conser-

vatives, a political imbalance unprecedented since reforms began. It is irrelevant who replaces Zhao as party secretary-general - likely candidates include Yang Shangkun, Qiao Guo and Yao Yilin - as they are all birds of a feather.

The absence of any intra-party checks and balances to the conservatives, reinforced by the military seeking to exact a price for their rescue role, with the resurrection of campaigns against "bourgeois liberalism", means that the economic reform programme must be seriously threatened.

The party hardliners cannot claim absolute victory, however. Even before the student unrest, the leadership had been widely derided as not only corrupt but incompetent. Their actions of the past week will have further undermined their legitimacy.

At best, there will be a temporary period of calm before the underlying tensions in society explode openly once again. At worst, and more likely, there will be increasingly frequent strikes, passive resistance, even sabotage and assassinations. Such violence would only invite greater repression and delay prospects for a more liberal regime.

The earliest possibility for a return of the liberal reformers will be during the next bout of political chaos attendant upon Deng's death. Zhao is unlikely to return, but a younger, untainted and shrewd liberal could emerge from within the party hierarchy. For clues, watch the demonstrations around October 1, the 40th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic.

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Ted Wragg

Why teachers want to quit

The recent Gallup poll findings that over a third of teachers are thinking of leaving the profession and well over 90 per cent feel undervalued came as no surprise. Anyone in close touch with schools for the last five or six years has been well aware of the serious decline in morale.

It is not explained solely by the speed of change. Many primary schools changed dramatically in the 1950s and 1960s, producing excitement rather than bitterness. Teachers accept change as the inevitable precursor of improvement. But when they are at a low ebb, rapid change becomes one more source of aggravation, especially as, since the 1988 Education Act, they feel excluded from planning the nature and direction of reform.

Nor is it solely explained by salary levels. Although teachers, like other groups, want to be paid adequately, if money were all that concerned them many would have pursued an alternative career. Most teachers were recruited in the 1960s and early 1970s when pay was not princely. Only briefly, in the mid-1970s after the Houghton Award, were they a little more affluent. In classical times Lucian equated teachers with kipper sellers in terms of poverty, and sometimes in recent years teachers would have been glad to be that well off.

The main reason for present dissatisfaction can be explained by a combination of one major factor and several minor ones. The single greatest blow to teachers' morale is dealt by the low public esteem in which they are held. It is not so much at the individual level, because parents and members of the public, if asked, say they feel teachers are valuable members of society. The biggest influence on self-esteem comes from politicians, especially ministers, and from the Press. The process began with Sir Keith (now Lord) Joseph when he was Education Secretary. Increasingly, suggestions of teacher incompetence figured in his speeches, which were then widely reported. Like any profession, teachers do contain a few duds who are an embarrassment to their hard-working colleagues. No one felt the topic should be sacrosanct, but Joseph's constant harping on incompetence and his reluctance to praise began to grate.

Then, in an election campaign, Mrs Thatcher described education as "a disaster area" - a theme quickly taken up by newspaper articles and readers' letters beginning: "It is now recognized that schools have completely failed the nation", as if there were to be taken for granted. Yet in its own 1985 paper, *Better Schools*, the Government said: "There is much to

admire in our schools, many of them cope well, and some very well, with their increasingly exacting task," going on to quote with approval improvements in curriculum and examination successes. But this received less publicity than its demands for reform.

The arrival of the media-sophisticated Kenneth Baker in 1986 made things worse. While Lord Joseph, brow permanently furrowed, uncertainty etched on every feature, gave the impression that he was probably not in touch with the schools, Baker's apparent certainty was much more wounding when he attacked teachers. Particularly hurtful was an interview with *The Times* in February 1988 in which he said he had been angered by the "600 reasons" which teachers had found to oppose the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative - when, in fact, it was teachers who had made it work.

It has been noticeable in the recruitment of young teachers how many have commented that friends already in the profession

'I know of whole staff rooms that voted to strike, often with not a revolutionary among them'

had tried to put them off. This is so different from the past, when teachers seemed to enjoy their job to the extent that many of their pupils wanted to seek the same satisfaction. Now most tell pupils that, given their time over again, they would have done something different.

In the face of so much adverse publicity, relatively poor pay and other factors also weigh teachers down. They had their negotiating rights taken away when Kenneth Baker dismantled the Burnham Committee on the grounds that it rarely agreed about anything. If ability to agree were the sole criterion of the survival of a democratic institution, the House of Commons would have been shut long ago.

The long periods of industrial action of two and three years ago were undertaken reluctantly, and as a last resort. I know of whole staff rooms where everyone voted to strike, often with not a revolutionary among them. The woman deputy head of an infants' school once told me in tears: "If people like me vote to strike, what has it come to?"

It will take some years, and a wiser, kinder breed of minister, to win back the good will. It is too late now. I am afraid, for Kenneth Baker to offer belated praise in his speeches. The damage has been done.

It will need a much more genuine recognition of the worth to society of good teachers to attract newcomers in sufficient numbers and to raise the spirit of the profession. Three out of five are over 40 and in no mood for further disparagement.

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All the seedy haunts of Soho were abuzz with Sonia's £600,000 victory over *Private Eye* last week. Poor Peter Cook was shocked. He could hardly finish the chocolate bar commercial he was making. Although he owns 90 per cent of the shares, he is not on the board, and therefore not a hand-in-pocket man when bills come in - he hopes. He is worried, though. He might now bump into the newly enriched woman in the nightclubs he goes to.

To help raise the necessary, John Sessions, the talented improvisatory Scotsman who looks like me, has offered to throw a giant comedy benefit. I salute him, but am not sure about taking part. Some of those irrepressible *Eye* writers will most likely be on hand to spice up the script. How many more might we end up libelling during the evening? No, I fear *Private Eye* must go to the wall. Personally, I think this is a tragedy for light entertainment.

The editor, Ian Hislop, told *The Guardian* that "a millionaire would now be most welcome". But no millionaire would make this gesture unless he were mindlessly philanthropic. He would cease to be a millionaire. He would have to give away six-tenths of his fortune, becoming a four-hundred-thousandaire. Almost nothing in these straitened times. A multi-millionaire, Hislop must mean.

It is enduring how a scourge of the establishment becomes so wan and impractical in the face of disaster. Hislop "gashed" at the verdict. He is so overcome he cannot do mental arithmetic. Ooh, your honour, it was all just high-spirited fun.

But it does seem to me that some of those who owe so much to this gallant little magazine should do the decent thing. Step forward silver-haired Sir Jimmy Goldsmith! An utter nobody until *Private Eye* so savagely lampooned you; now a monster to every polytechnic student in the country, a mythical beastie to the *Vague* Left.

Come on down, Robert Maxwell! Would anybody have been interested in not one, but two, books about you and your ownership of some printing facilities and other industrial things had

human being to be. I learn this from *Private Eye* (an impeccable source). They have both made a bit of spare cash out of the libel actions against the *Eye* in the past. Now the time has come for them to reinvest some of their winnings. They can always recoup when the magazine gets up on its feet and slaps them off again.

I do feel sorry for game, gassing little Hislop, though. He really did not deserve the older bugs gang up on him when he took over, and now this. They said he had changed the magazine, but as far as I could see it was just as it ever has been: puerile, prejudiced, inaccurate and aimed at the lowest common denominator. How else could it continue to be the funniest publication in the country?

Save our blackening Eye



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RHYS JONES

Private Eye reinvented you as the colourful Captain Bob, and battered you mercilessly over the last decade or so?

Both these men are, of course, as wealthy as it is possible for a

rather enjoyed my drunken binges, as everyone who joined them continually tells me. It had always been my intention to mount a huge libel action when my lawyers had taken the customary 27 years to look over the papers. Alas, it now looks as if they may be too late.

But the *Star* is a miserable sheet in which to be libelled. Like every occasionally upright citizen, I had always hoped that the smuggy have-a-go organ itself would be smirched.

I once walked past Richard Ingrams in Chinatown and thought he looked at me oddly. A shiver ran through me. But nothing came of it. Perhaps he mistook me for John Sessions. Perhaps he thought I was a Chinaman. More probably, he recognized me as fly-white and dully-domesticated as his good self. A lucky escape, eh?



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PANDORA'S CROWBAR

By beginning to implement Section 301 of its 1988 Trade Act, the United States has charted a potentially ruinous course in trade policy. It risks ruin for its own prosperity; also for the multilateral trading system which it helped to invent and on which so many others' prosperity depends.

Section 301 is claimed to be a tool for promoting free trade, for using the threat of retaliation to break barriers erected by other countries against US exports. Under it, Congress requires the Administration to identify offending countries, open negotiations to remove barriers, and report back on progress. It gives the President powers, after three years' bargaining, to impose sanctions against recalcitrants.

Observers present at its birth have no illusions about Section 301's real purpose. It was invented by Mr Roger Porter, now senior domestic and economic policy adviser in the White House, to fend off the Gephart amendment to the Trade Act. This would have triggered automatic retaliation against any country imprudent or successful enough to run a consistent trade surplus with the United States.

Section 301 could prise open markets. But its unilateral basis makes it the most dangerous trade law since the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930. Should negotiations fail, the prospect is a cycle of retaliation and counter-retaliation which would depress trade worldwide.

Last week, bowing to the Act's mandatory deadline, the US Administration cited Japan, India and Brazil for unfair trading practices. Had it not been for Administration anxieties over divisions within Nato, the European Community, with which the US has most trade disagreements, would probably have joined the list. The US also marked a further 25 countries for investigation.

The Administration has been at war with itself over whether, and how far, to embark on what would easily turn into a global trade war. Secretary of State, Mr James Baker, and National Security Adviser, Mr Brent Scowcroft, won their strategic arguments over Europe. But, despite the support of the President's senior economic advisers (well aware of Japanese importance for financing the US fiscal deficit and for alone putting serious money behind the Brady Third World debt plan) their cause that US strategic interests require co-operation, not confrontation, with Japan was lost.

Trade Representative, Mrs Carla Hills, and Commerce Secretary, Mr Robert Mosbacher, argued, from different perspectives, that Japan must be singled out. Mrs Hills reasoned that otherwise Congress would maintain that the Administration had failed to comply with its

obligations. If it so decided, it could revoke the President's mandate to negotiate the current GATT Uruguay trade round.

Mr Mosbacher is on record as opposing trade reprisals as counter-productive. But he espouses theories that mesh with popular American fears that Japan is the principal threat to US global leadership.

Mr Bush had an escape avenue which he should have used. He has powers to decline to act against Japan (as he did on Europe) on political and security grounds.

He needs, however, to work with the Democrat-controlled Congress to tackle the deficit. In the end, he put this domestic interest first. The only compromise is that Japan was cited not under the most severe provision of the Act, the "Super 301" which would have put it in the dock as an overall unfair trader, but for specified areas of alleged protectionism.

The US Administration has, in addition, taken a step not forced on it by the 1988 Trade Act. It has announced that it will seek bilateral negotiations with Japan on the whole gamut of economic relations.

The White House intends this to soften the blow to Japan. It argues that the frictions between the world's two economic superpowers, including their trade imbalance, require macro-economic solutions and broad bilateral policy co-operation.

Indeed, this could possibly end with American action to cut its budget deficit, a slowing of domestic demand and the freeing of productive capacity for exports. In Japan there could be structural reforms, particularly in its politically powerful retail sector where small traders tend to buy Japanese, coupled with action to stimulate domestic demand.

There is, however, a real danger that industrial and political lobbies in the United States will convert this negotiation into political confrontation. Mrs Hills has pledged that she will use the "crowbar" of the Act to prise markets open, not to close them; and that she will consistently support the objectives of the GATT. But GATT rules prohibit members from singling out one particular country for retaliation. Nor is it in US interests to single out Japan: the two countries are so interdependent that US manufacturers would be the first to be damaged by retaliation.

In the three years the Act allows before such retaliation has to be contemplated, the Administration should devote its energies to the Uruguay Round — and fold its bilateral trade disputes into the multilateral negotiating framework of the GATT. Otherwise, the crowbar could open a Pandora's box — hurting not just the United States but all countries, Britain included, with a major stake in the international trading system.

CYANIDE SILENCE

The survivors of the King's Cross fire and the relatives of the 31 who did not survive have since had to endure the long, continuing pain of public investigation. As the exact sequence of events on that night have become horribly clearer, some consolation is the knowledge that only by the most exhaustive investigation will every lesson be learnt, every precaution taken that nothing similar happens again.

It is perplexing, therefore, to learn that London Transport has decided that certain issues have been investigated enough; that a halt appears to have been called to further discussion of the precise cause of most deaths; and that nothing, it is claimed, can be gained by further public debate. The Institution of Mechanical Engineers is holding a seminar tomorrow to review the technical evidence, but certain scientists from the London Transport research laboratory have been told not to talk about what they have discovered.

These scientists appear to have found the likely source of most of the hydrogen cyanide gas which, in the early moments of the fire, felled fleeing passengers before the subsequent fireball. According to tests, the cyanide was mainly from a layer of special paint applied to the escalator roof to discourage disfigurement by graffiti.

In his report after the official inquiry, Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, accepted that cyanide and other lethal gases given off by burning material were a significant cause of death. But he seemed satisfied that there were many possible sources of these toxic fumes. He

decided, he has said, that it was unnecessary, impossible, or undesirable "out of respect for the deceased and their families" to pursue the matter further. He and London Transport seem to be of one mind in this respect.

To take the opposite view is not to try to point the finger of blame. That particular point compound on the escalator roof was not a well known hazard whose risks had been ignored. It is, rather, to accept that inquiries like those into the King's Cross fire cannot be forcibly ended until every relevant question that can be answered has been.

Those who still suffer from their injuries, or still grieve for the victims, have a right to know exactly what happened and why. It is not for London Transport — if that is part of its reasoning — to decide otherwise. Moreover, the whole travelling public has the right to the maximum reassurance, which will only come if it is confident that no stone has been left unturned.

The fatal role played by toxic fumes in fire accidents is a relatively new area of research. Many modern industrial compounds are made of complex chemicals whose behaviour in extreme conditions of heat and flame can be unexpected; the more they are understood the better.

It is not too late for London Transport to realize that its second thoughts on this matter are likely to be better than its first. It should allow its scientists to play a full and frank part in tomorrow's seminar.

ARGENTINE CHAOS

President-elect Carlos Menem has promised Argentina a government of "national unity" when he takes on his unenviable job in six months' time. This week, he has his second opportunity to prove that this means not the feared return to the failed Peronist recipe of the "social pact", but a determined effort to marital Argentina's feuding interest groups behind a credible reform programme.

He missed the first opportunity last week, when he and the outgoing President Raul Alfonsín failed to agree terms on which Señor Menem might move into office ahead of time. Señor Alfonsín responded, in desperation, with an inept emergency economic package aimed principally at pulling some tax revenues into the country's empty coffers.

The subsequent rioting, looting and bloodshed compelled the President to announce a national state of siege. His successor announced his prompt support. A more substantial deal between the two men has become imperative.

Their first task should be to devise a common economic platform which will attract IMF support and begin to reverse the flight of capital. Instead, on Sunday, Señor Menem called for a 60 per cent wage rise. The workforce, struggling with 70 per cent per month inflation, is indeed desperate. But, as Señor Menem's economic advisers are fully aware, wage rises only postpone the day of reckoning.

The country can now neither service its \$60 billion debt, nor — until it signs up with the IMF — attract foreign currency loans. Its own

currency, the austral, was worth \$1.20 four years ago: it now buys less than one cent. Government spending is double its revenues. New cars have just doubled in price. Businesses are running at two-thirds of capacity, or even less. President Alfonsín's latest emergency austerity programme included currency controls, higher taxes and cuts in public spending. It bore the marks of haste: the last thing the country needs is fresh export taxes — 20 per cent on general produce and 30 per cent on agriculture. Pegging the austral to a fixed rate simply invites the resurgence of the black currency market. It has friends nowhere on the political spectrum.

A nation in which provincial administrations literally (and illegally) print their own money and in which governments live in fear of trade union power, business influence and the military's political aspirations, is going nowhere. Whether Señor Menem will dispense the medicine needed is very doubtful. But the flamboyant president-elect is not without political strengths, the support of the big unions, big business and the Army.

Provided that he does not become the prisoner of organizations, this support provides him with a platform on which to reconstruct the national economy. He should in his country's own interest make common cause with the outgoing Government to draw up a realistic budget. His plans for fiscal and industrial reform must be capable of attracting bridging loans from Argentina's increasingly anxious friends in Washington and Europe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peking crisis seen from Hong Kong

From Mr Colin Storey

Sir, In the UK there seems to be little comprehension of the profound effect the activities of the Peking students and the reactions of the old men of the Chinese Communist Party have had on the Chinese population of Hong Kong.

A traditionally apolitical body of people has started along the road towards active participation. There is a growing demand for relief from the impossible situation in which they find themselves. The Hong Kong Chinese are beset by conflicting emotions, in particular fear of capricious communism is countered by a deep patriotism.

Like their Peking compatriots, Hong Kong people are, in many senses, political innocents. They do not, as yet, know what they want, but they know what they don't want.

I have been personally saddened by the inability of the Prime Minister to pay much heed to the feelings of the Chinese population here. In my daily work in Hong Kong the people I meet are too intelligent and too sensitive to make me feel uncomfortable simply because I am British. There is no doubt, though, that they and millions like them feel that the British Government is abandoning them after being completely uncovered by the Chinese Government in negotiation after negotiation. Any attempt to dem-

onstrate that the joint declaration is a triumph of good sense and pragmatic diplomacy falls on deaf ears.

What is needed is a liberal application of what the Prime Minister is renowned for — conviction politics. There isn't very much time:

1. Devote a junior minister wholly to Hong Kong. He/she should spend a good deal of time in Hong Kong, and wherever it is, it should not be Lord Glenarthur (Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs).
2. Speed up the processes towards full democracy, to be achieved well before 1997.
3. Accept the deep moral obligation Britain has towards providing a right of abode for Hong Kong people.

If action is not taken now, at the risk of rows with the Chinese Government and threats of cancelled trade agreements, Britain will find herself the object of international vilification in the early 1990s. The complex, profitable and peaceful economic and social structure of Hong Kong, in many ways the apotheosis of the ideals of Thatcherism, will disintegrate, and the population will take to the boats.

Yours faithfully,
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May 29.

Gurkhas' future

From Field Marshal Lord Bramall

Sir, What a pity the Government's announcement on the Gurkhas (report, May 23) was such a public relations disaster! If you rather prominently feed to the press a figure which happens to be half the present Gurkha strength you are asking for headlines which proclaim: "Gurkhas to be cut by 50 per cent", even if, in so many respects, that bare statement missed the real point.

In fact the Government's statement was a positive, helpful, and sensible one. In the place of uncertainty, the Government was now planning firmly for the Brigade of Gurkhas to have a worthwhile and viable role after 1997, and to do so at a basic strength of a four-battalion group, instead of the existing five, and with all the Gurkha regiments intact.

Moreover, there was considerable flexibility implicit in the announcement. There were to be no changes whatsoever before 1992, which was the earliest date at which the Hong Kong garrison might start to run down, and even after that there was to be scope for expansion or the status quo, as well as contraction within viable limits, depending on the circumstances at the time.

The 4,000 figure was therefore established as a minimum, to get down to after 1997, if, but only if, the international situation had not worsened and the British Army

Empire builders

From Mr Hamilton Fraser

Sir, The Corona Club, one of the world's most exclusive clubs, has just held its annual reunion party in London. Its members are survivors of the once-powerful and influential Colonial Service.

Among its ranks are distinguished governors-general, governors, colonial administrators, and district and provincial commissioners. Some have been drawn into important posts in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Overseas Development Administration, and Commonwealth governments. Others have made new careers in industry, business and the professions. Most, however, are retired.

Some older leaders of former colonial territories still recognise

their debt of gratitude to the dedicated officers, including specialists in tropical agriculture, forestry, fisheries, health, and all aspects of national development, who laid the foundations of progress in the advancing regions of Africa, Asia, the Pacific, and the Far East.

The only memorials to their outstanding services are the dusty files and reports in the forgotten archives of the old Colonial Service. Has not the time come for official recognition of their combined achievements — an annual commemorative service, perhaps, or a plaque in St Paul's or Westminster Abbey?

Yours faithfully,
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Faith in the East

From the Provost of Birmingham Cathedral

Sir, I have just returned from Soviet Central Asia and have been amazed at the extent of industrialisation of major cities like Alma-Ata and Tashkent and Dushanbe, which have populations of about one million each.

These cities have enormously rich cultural heritages and have been the subject of complex internal migration. I can understand now how both Mr Khrushchev and Mr Brezhnev made their mark in Soviet society as they were respectively in charge of the development of these vast areas.

I was interested in seeing the

According to Birt

From Mr Ian Curteis

Sir, I am sorry you gave such prominence to Hilary Lawson's deeply flawed attempt ("The world according to Birt", May 27) to belittle balance and fairness in television journalism, and to plead for more programmes like *Death on the Rock*.

The fact is that public opinion is most powerfully on John Birt's side. The tide of anger and resentment has long been running against being lectured at by television journalists, in favour of being ably informed and allowed to make up one's own mind.

Even-handedness in a barrister — the fact that a good advocate could put either side of a case with equal skill, irrespective of his private opinions — has long been seen as high professionalism and a virtue at the Bar. That attitude will eventually return to broadcasting. We broadcasters should not

become paranoid merely because we comprise less than one twentieth of one per cent of the population. We have to live in society and serve it, just like everyone else. All power to Mr Birt for being so aware of this.

Yours truly,
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May 29.

Satanic purpose?

From Mr J. H. Huizinga

Sir, Incitement to murder being a crime, how can a Muslim demonstration like yesterday's, many of whose participants were bound to, and indeed, did commit it, be authorized?

Yours faithfully,
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May 28.

Concerns about the cost of living

From Mr H. Ferguson

Sir, The continuing rise in inflation must be significantly fuelled by the Government-controlled activities of regional rent officers, especially in their dealings with housing associations. These non-profit-making groups qualify for Government loans/grants that would not be made available to the private developer; their two-yearly applications for rent increases must be submitted to the rent officer for adjudication and, until this year, were applied in two equal annual instalments.

In theory, this protects low-income tenants from the wider excesses of the market place. In practice, however, housing associations are forced to conform to the rent levels created by the profit-motivated private sector, as became clear last year when an application for an increase of 10.25 per cent was brushed aside and 18 per cent imposed, an odd way to react to a landlord's attempt to operate economically, and hardly conducive to holding down inflation, which at the time was being quoted as 4.2 per cent.

High hopes that the 1988 Housing Act would lay down more sensible guidelines for rent officers were dashed when not only were the methods of assessment reaffirmed with a tougher financial regime for associations, but an amendment was included to the effect that increases would, from January, 1989, be applied in full immediately.

Many housing association tenants are State pensioners; rent represents their largest single item of expenditure. Other than a predetermined amount that can be retained to cover running costs, associations must pass on the whole of their rent revenue in repayment of local and central Government loans.

Such loans must be repaid, of course, but must it be at an increasing rate which is so much higher than the Government's

own published rate of inflation, frequently at the expense of a group who cannot compensate themselves by charging more for their labour or their goods?

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May 25.

From Mr E. S. Giles
Sir, As one who has been active in Conservative politics for many years I cannot welcome the report (Conservative Women's Conference, May 25) that child benefit is likely to be frozen for a third year running and that the manifesto for the next election may contain a pledge to mean-test it.

This approach represents a significant change of policy since the Government's 1985 Social Security Review, which accepted that child benefit should continue to go to all families. Many of us had hoped then that the Government accepted the benefit was one of the most effective ways of tackling poverty in families with children and encouraging self-reliance as well as acknowledging the extra cost of bringing up children.

If the Government continues to freeze child benefit its effect will be to make families with children relatively less well off than those without. This seems somewhat strange for a party that is supposed to be committed to the concept of the family.

Perhaps the heart of the problem is that child benefit is now being seen as part of the social security budget. Might the time have not come for the re-introduction of tax allowances for children to secure a better balance of the burden of taxation between those with children and those without?

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD GILES,
Old Orchard, Steyne Road,
Seaview, Isle of Wight.

Threat to fields

From the Chairman of the Greater London Playing Fields Association

Sir, Your Parliamentary and Sports sections on May 25 highlighted national and London concerns relating to loss of playing fields.

The Minister's response in the House of Commons on May 24 implied that the sole reason for the disposals was the fault of "socialist local authorities". I can assure Mr Chope that local authorities of all political persuasions appear to be attracted by the opportunity of financial gain which arises from development of sports fields. Additionally, many industrial and commercial companies are also selling off some of the country's highest-quality sports fields.

The situation merits a more serious and positive response from central Government, who have not updated their guidance to local authorities for nearly 20 years. I refer to the now antiquated

circulars, no. 33/70 on sports provision and planning, and no. 79/72 on children's play space.

The ill-considered decision by Ilea to dispose of Raynes Park to the highest bidder, presumably for residential development (Letters, May 5, 10), serves to illustrate the problem in London, as does the decision by Merton to zone the ground for residential development in their draft borough plan review.

It is to be hoped the impression left by the minister is not a true reflection of the Government's concern for the long-term benefits to society as a whole which arise from adequate provision of recreational and play space, particularly for those who are in any way disadvantaged or handicapped.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MIDDLEMAS,
Chairman,
Greater London Playing Fields Association,
25 Ovington Square, SW3.
May 26.

TV and the deaf

From Mr John Wakeham, MP for Colchester South and Maldon (Conservative)

Sir, I am sorry to see that the Chief Executive of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf (May 25) thinks that the select committee on television has failed to take account of eight million deaf and hard-of-hearing people in this country. The select committee considered a number of submissions, including one from the RNID, about the needs of the deaf, and when it visited Canada it saw the way in which Question Period in Ottawa is broadcast with sign interpretation.

Since it is the broadcasters, not the House, who will decide what programmes are shown on the screen, we asked them about their plans to make televised proceedings accessible to the deaf, and they told us that they were considering the use of subtitles and that Channel 4 was exploring the feasibility of providing a sign language facility. In our report we have given them every encouragement to do this.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WAKEHAM (Chairman,
Select Committee on Television of
Proceedings of the House),
House of Commons.
May 25.

Re-used envelopes

From Mr S. M. Reszeta

Sir, I was most heartened to see Professor Mellanby's letter (May 25) on the subject of re-using envelopes. I find typewriter correcting fluid quite effective for oblitterating phosphorescent dots. Yours parsimoniously,
STEVEN RESZETA,
17 Wellesley Road, N22.

From Mrs Mary Brettell
Sir, Professor Kenneth Mellanby will find that the blue dots of the Post Office's sorting code can be covered most easily if the envelopes are slit open at the bottom edge instead of the top. This is not usually difficult if one has a reasonably narrow, pointed paper knife.

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Yours etc,
MARY BRETTLELL,
229 Little Ridge Avenue,
St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

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Clear the stage

From Dr Otto Neurath

Sir, It was distressing to read in *The Sunday Times* (report, May 21) that a performance of Britten's opera, *Death in Venice*, was called off because of implicit homosexuality in the libretto which may have a demoralizing influence on our youth.

May I suggest the cancellation of the following operas and the reasons:

Arabella, *Figaro*, *Fidelio* because of transvestism.
Rosencavalier because of transvestism and adultery.
Tristan and Isolde because of adultery.
Wagner's Ring because of many cases of adultery, incest, etc.
Othello, *Die Entführung aus dem Serail*, and *Magic Flute* because of racism.
Don Giovanni because of seduction and attempted adultery.
Carmen because of seduction — the other way.
Tosca because of murder and suicide.

Opera surely is demoralizing, isn't it?
Sincerely,
OTTO NEURATH,
4 Finchley Road, NW8.
May 24.

Smear tests

From Mrs Ruth Phillips

Sir, Dr Crowther (May 22) refers to "wasting her time" by testing a 63-year-old patient for cervical cancer who had not had a smear test for 10 years.

Let us hope that she, and all the other doctors in her practice, and indeed every other medical practice throughout the country, is conscientious and wise enough to implement Mr Clarke's proposed target, so that no woman has to be at risk from cervical cancer by failing to have a smear test for more than three years.

Yours faithfully,
R. PHILLIPS (Chairman,
Women Against Cervical Cancer),
52 Jacksons Lane, N6.
May 22.

Saving grace

From Mrs Katharine Fewster

Sir, Re today's Political Sketch (May 25) on the Squirrel Nutkin syndrome, while clearing the house of a deceased aunt the niece found a cardboard box, *inter alia*, labelled correctly: "Pieces of string too short to keep".

Yours faithfully,
KATHARINE FEWSTER,
62 North Street,
St Andrews, Fife.
May 25.

State of happy families

Would a Ministry for the Family solve the problem of the growing divorce rate in Britain? Liz Gill investigates

The cost of broken marriages in Britain, based on hard statistics such as legal aid and supplementary benefits, is a staggering £2 billion a year. The emotional cost is, of course, incalculable. Yet the divorce rate continues to soar. A century ago there were less than 200 a year. By 1987 there were 151,000 and that figure represented a three-fold leap from 1967. Experts now predict that 37 per cent of marriages embarked on this year will end in the courts.

It seems, however, that the Government is about to act. It is reported that Mrs Thatcher is planning to set up a Ministry for the Family in a bid to underpin what she sees as the key to a successful and stable society. One of the projects being considered is a plan to establish a national family conciliation service, aimed not only at minimizing the effects of divorce but in some cases avoiding it by encouraging couples to reconcile.

Ministers are said to be particularly interested in a New Zealand model which claims a success rate of 19 per cent in saving threatened marriages. Some senior politicians are already talking excitedly about "family policy" playing a key role in the Tories' next election campaign.

John Patten, the Home Office minister, said earlier this week that "a reawakening and re-evaluation of traditional British attitudes to the family would be central to the future", and that the Conservatives would be "aiming to promote the interests of the family and resist attacks on its integrity".

But is it proper for the state to act in what many see as ultimately a private domain? Happy families may be all very well for the collective good, but little comfort for the couple who want to break out of a miserable relationship.

Sue Slipman, director of the National Council for One Parent Families, is particularly wary of any attempt to confuse conciliation and reconciliation. "We support conciliation services which are for people who have already made their decision and want to negotiate sensible and civilized solutions for themselves and their children," she says. "Often parents use children as

battlegrounds and everyone would wish to minimize that."

"If, in the course of conciliation, it happens that people find each other bearable after all and call off their divorce, then that's fine, but mixing them up could be highly dangerous. People would be reluctant to go because they would think it was going to be a case of the nanny state lecturing them. It would be like an anti-abortion agency giving pregnancy advice. There are already agencies such as Relate for those who want to make a go of things."

Zelda West-Meads, spokeswoman for Relate says: "We know the cost of divorce is £2 billion a year, yet Relate gets less than £1 million from the Government." About two-thirds of the organization's clients say they have been helped by the counsellors and about half of them do stay together.

"We work with couples to see if they can save and improve their marriages, both for their own sakes and to avoid the stress it puts on a child. But we recognize some marriages are untenable, especially when the couple are very destructive emotionally and physically and there is a bad environment for the child. In such cases the aim should be to reduce the hurt of a divorce. "Divorce means damage to child-

ren but so do bad marriages. And research shows that what happens during and after a divorce, particularly when parents are using the children as pawns, is when the damage takes place. If you can give the right help at that stage, a lot of the pain can be reduced."

There are 45 independent conciliation agencies around the country, but to date they deal only with the tip of the iceberg, about 2,300 cases in 1987.

A spokesperson for the National Family Conciliation Council (NCCC) says: "If it's true that the Government is going to take conciliation on board then that's great, but it's going to take time to establish anything, and meanwhile the existing services, some of which have been around for 10 years, are struggling for cash."

There are currently 1 million single parent families in this country, around 80 per cent of those being divorced, widowed or separated. "Divorce and separation are not easy decisions to make," Slipman says. "I think this may be an unacceptable intrusion by the state into the most intimate and personal area of people's lives." Slipman sees in the current

debate a return to the old idea of "staying together for the sake of the children". She adds: "I'm all for education on parenting and relationships, tackling the problem from the other end, but the idea of being trapped for life in an unhappy marriage is totally unacceptable nowadays."

Christopher Chulow, chairman of the Tavistock Institute of Marital Studies, says there has been a drift over the past 30 or so years towards seeing marriage less as a social institution and more in terms of a private matter. "What matters to the couple is their relationship rather than their standing in other people's eyes."

However, there is, he points out, a social cost to divorce and therefore the public is rightly concerned about the rising divorce rate and particularly its effect on children.

"Society is concerned about its responsibility to its weaker members. If a child suffers such long-term effects that he is impaired educationally and emotionally, and not able to realize his full potential, then that is a cost to society, as well as the more obvious financial costs. "Because there are these social costs I think it is appropriate for the Government to be taking the initiative by supporting anything that

makes help available before things get to breaking point."

He cites not only conciliation and marriage guidance, but other relative counselling and therapy. Cash and publicity would, he believes, take away much of the stigma that people still feel about such services, often seeing consultation with them as an admission of failure.

Chulow says that recent research has established that what children want is for their parents not to part. "Even in bad marriages they want their parents to stay together. At the same time one knows the side-effects of living with constant conflict, and misery can impair development as much as a divorce. Children do not necessarily know what is best and of course their wishes are not the only ones; those of the adults have to be taken into consideration, too."

He would, however, be against any attempt to coerce people into seeking help. "It would be counter-productive. People have to want such things as counselling and therapy for anything productive to happen. You cannot legislate for that. All you can do is make the services available and make people aware of them."

As part of the current initiative the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, is studying a report drawn up by the Family and Community Dispute Research Centre at Newcastle University. The three-year study looked at 1,400 families in 12 different areas of England and Wales as they went through the divorce process.

Its main recommendation was that there should be a co-ordinated network of services for families in trouble, including everything from counselling to conciliation. It found that conciliation, carried out by independent services was far more effective than that done via the courts.

The report suggests, based on existing services, that it would cost about £4 million a year to run such a network. But Janet Walker, director of the centre, believes that a new overall body could in the end run at less than that.

She estimates that the reconciliation rate among couples consulting independent conciliation services may be around 13 per cent. "If you have a co-ordinated service, where people could get the right help at the right time early on, that rate might be higher. But a national agency would help those who cannot or do not want to save their marriages as well as those who may."

"A Ministry for the Family would be helpful in co-ordinating a policy. We would argue that the state should take a lead in making such help available, but we would be very unhappy about the state saying you had to have this help. The state's job is just to make sure it exists."

Fighting for the dolphins

Margaret Klinowska and Isabel McCrea both love dolphins. Yet they are not united in their desire to save them

Two people can share the same interest, they can pursue it with the same dedication, the same degree of conviction, and the same passion — yet they can be so far apart temperamentally that it is hard to believe they have anything in common at all.

What matters is the dolphins, of course. Dr Margaret Klinowska of Cambridge University, a leading academic in dolphin research, and Isabel McCrea, who runs the Greenpeace wildlife campaigns, both stress that.

"We need more information before we can take any action," Klinowska says. "We must act now," says McCrea. McCrea's aim is to establish two marine parks off Britain, at Cardigan Bay, Wales, and at Moray Firth, Scotland, where dolphins and porpoises are regularly seen.

"Greenpeace has spent 15 years campaigning for whales," she says. "When we started, 60,000 whales were killed a year. The total now is in the hundreds. But 100,000 small cetaceans are killed every year — and no one pays any attention."

Small cetaceans are dolphins and porpoises. British waters are important to many

ing noise in the seas from engines and echo-sounding devices is inimical to dolphins, which have sensitive hearing. They steer by sound and communicate by sound.

There is no disputing that enormous numbers of dolphins are caught in fishing nets. She has been involved in research on a device which could be attached to fishing nets, hear a dolphin's sonar-located clicks, and "shout" back a warning.

Klinowska does not disapprove of the work of front-line conservationists, but her scientific soul rebels against the way Greenpeace and McCrea treat a problem. Klinowska wants to analyse a problem. McCrea does not care about the problem, only the solution.

But we are not comparing cold scientist with hot campaigner. "I do get emotional about dolphins," Klinowska says. "I am attracted by their mystery, by the fact that we know so little about them."

McCrea says that dolphins are her love. "You can't campaign if you don't care. They are so perfect, so beautifully adapted for their environment... an environment



Prevention v cure: Klinowska wants to analyse the problem

species. A lot of people have learnt that this year. Greenpeace told them. It has been taking people out on its boat, Moby Dick, clamouring that the dolphin and porpoise populations in British waters are declining, and that this must be reversed.

Well, what is the status of the British dolphin?

Klinowska, who has specialized in the study of cetaceans for 10 years, says: "We just don't know. We have never done a survey." Klinowska became especially interested in dolphins after providing the research that led to them being recognized by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). She also prepared a report for the Department of the Environment on the keeping of cetaceans in captivity.

Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, is one of those who dismisses the claims of Greenpeace that the British dolphin needs protection. "We don't have the information to say that there is a decline," Klinowska says. "The number of sightings has declined, and you cannot say this indicates nothing," McCrea says.

Greenpeace says there are four factors that put the dolphin population of British waters at risk: pollution, over-fishing (of herring in particular), fishing nets which trap and drown dolphins, and noise pollution. The increas-

ing noise in the seas from engines and echo-sounding devices is inimical to dolphins, which have sensitive hearing. They steer by sound and communicate by sound.

What, McCrea retorts, will a month prove? "The sort of figures scientists would find convincing would take something like 10 years to gather. Greenpeace runs Moby Dick as a campaign ship, that's its point."

"Why is it that conservationist and scientist seem to have become mutually exclusive terms? I hate the complacent attitude of scientists, the attitude that says we can't say there is a problem until we have done more work, until we have counted up everything," McCrea says. "That is not the way we approach a problem at Greenpeace. We want to make British waters safe for dolphins."

"Maybe in 20 years there will have been a proper survey, and we will know the status of the British dolphin. Great."

"What will we do then — if there aren't any?"

Simon Barnes

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Kitchen chic

The humble apron is the subject of an important exhibition at the Costume Institute of New York's Metropolitan Museum from next Tuesday until September. "Aprons Aprons" will bring this unsung garment out from behind the kitchen sink to display beaded, brocaded, embroidered, fringed, ceremonial, festive and less than feminine versions from various periods. The exhibition includes an ancient Egyptian noblewoman's funerary apron and a 1969 Rudi Gernreich mini — plus some men's aprons.

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A round-up of news, views and information

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Who regulates the regulators?

As parliamentary draughtsmen nail down the detail of the forthcoming Broadcasting Bill, pecking-order questions arise. In particular, what is to be the standing of Lord Rees-Mogg's Broadcasting Standards Council, the BSC? The White Paper says we need a BSC to "reinforce the work of the individual regulatory bodies". By advice, or by instruction?

Ambiguity runs deep. Of course, Government, in proposing a BSC, had first in mind a safety net to catch major dumpings of sex or violence, by implication a negative and marginal mission. The so-called "problem" of broadcast sex and violence owes more to the foetid imaginings of the popular Press than to the cautious experimenting of today's buttoned-down executives. And even the brashness of broadcasting newcomers will be tempted to toe the British line, and be slow to drop his programming trousers.

The idea of reinforcement also has a broader aspect. It carries the obvious implication that regulation cannot safely be left to regulators, that there is an ever-present danger of back-sliding. In government eyes, all regulatory regimes are prey to a certain flabbiness; at worst the regulators may "go native". Then calls are again heard for "houses to be put in order". Who better to make the calls than the BSC?

The analysis has its point. Even the most wary of bosses may come to love that which they first purported to despise. Consider the recent history of the BBC. Duke Hussey set about his stable-cleaning with full reformist zeal: a director-general fired, a new management team established, a new sleek style proclaimed. Earlier untidinesses were to end. Yet 30 months on, the new BBC displays the full virtues and vices of the old. The blessing of public service broadcasting is bestowed on all programmes great or small, excellent or tawdry; major improvement is asserted where there has been at most minor change.

And a certain accident-proneness re-emerges. Tapes of Neil Kinnock's radio alteration find their way to the Press, the *Nine O'Clock News* features an espionage story delicately fingering unnamed Labour MPs, and in the midst of a wages dispute provocative star money is offered to a rival's key presenter. Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose. If old problems can so easily resurface in a centralized BBC, what chance of good

order among the charges of the IBA's successor body, the Independent Television Commission? Indeed, does not the White Paper, with its talk of a "light touch", deprive the ITC at the outset of many of the powers needed to correct blemishes in tomorrow's free markets? In which case, might not an ever-vigilant BSC prepare to ride to the rescue?

Colin Shaw, the BSC's director, is a leading survivor of regulation's Long March. Once chief secretary of the BBC, later director of television for the IBA, he is second to none in his familiarity with bureaucratic by-play, a young Deng Xiaoping of broadcast doctrine. He now lets it be known that the BSC might stand ready to plug gaps. Suppose, for example, the new, more free-wheeling TV market offers many fewer children's programmes than did the old. The BSC could take a helpful view. So, for a start, it could "keep score".

This is a seductive offer. Shaw understands that a conservative public will kick up whenever change threatens less as well as more. This week's good

cause is half-by-ball cricket commentary on Radio Three Medium Wave, under threat once that frequency is handed back to Government for redeployment. The new broadcasting world will be full of such "readjustments", some planned, some forced, some the result of oversight or neglect. Who better to speak up for those to whom the market turns a deaf ear than the BSC?

And yet, it may be a natural step for the BSC to second-guess the shortcomings of the market it would be a major leap for it to go on to second-guess the shortcomings of the regulators.

Constitutionally the regulators will take their cue from Parliament and from the powers contained in the forthcoming Bill. If the BSC believes, deep down, that ITC, BBC, or the new Radio Authority lacks the wherewithal to reinforce standards, then it should say so now. And it should bring its wisdom to bear now, to get full discretionary powers written into legislation and into the right regulatory hands. Those hands should not be those of the BSC itself. The BSC retains credibility by remaining above the day-to-day fray. If it too seeks to become a regulator, then the inevitable result will be deep and lasting demarcation dispute, damaging to public and broadcasting alike.

BROADCAST

Brian Wenham

Boyed up by predictions giving them a chance of becoming the largest British party group in the European Parliament after next month's elections, Labour are entering the campaign with high hopes. The party's confidence rests almost as much on Peter Mandelson, a shadowy figure of the back room, as it does on the new remodelled Neil Kinnock and his new remodelled policies.

Mandelson, the party's campaigns and communications director, has gained a rare reputation for infallibility since he arrived in Walworth Road in 1985. More than anybody, he was responsible for the tone and presentation of the general election campaign in 1987, when Labour won the publicity contest even though it lost at the polls.

He inspired the adroit appropriation of the red rose, with its patriotic associations as party symbol, and ensured that Labour spokesmen were drilled to snap out part answers on policy and steer clear of awkward topics like defence. Above all, he conceived the outline of the famous *Chariots of Fire* party political broadcast, which even opponents conceded to be a masterpiece of image substituting for content.

His efforts were an object of scarcely concealed envy in the Conservative Party, where some voices suggested that their own party needed a head of publicity with similar presentational flair and intimate experience of how the media operates.

The Euro elections will be the first national test of the new package of doctrines which emerged last month from the party's agonized policy review. Mandelson was closely involved in that process, too, for it would be quite wrong to regard him as merely engaged in polishing images. He has definite views about content, which he has not been shy of pressing forcefully in the party's inner debates. In the process, he has ruffled more than a few Labour feathers.

The manifesto for the Assembly elections marks a historic change of position with its wholehearted affirmation of a fundamentally pro-European policy. It stresses the EC's social dimension, and the way Britain lags behind its partners in such areas as rights at work, mater-

Thorn in the Labour rose

Peter Mandelson has an important, if little known, role in the party's recovery. George Hill reports



Peter Mandelson: turning down advertising and television for less money in Walworth Road

nity leave, child care and pensions. But in closer detail, the document echoes some of the most significant misgivings Mrs Thatcher has voiced about the EC; in these respects, it appears closer to her than to some of the more committed Tory Euro MPs.

Mandelson comes close to conceding a degree of presentational sleight of hand in 1987 when he says of the new campaign that "substance has now caught up with style".

There is nothing wrong with style, he insists. "But the policy review has now provided a solid body of content to base the campaign on. We're pressing every button given our financial constraints — because we haven't got a £1

'We haven't got a £1 million campaign fund like the Tories'

million campaign fund to spend, like the Tories."

He is readier to put a figure on the cost of his opponents' campaign than on Labour's, but accepts that his party draws unquantifiable benefit from supporters who contribute media skills and celebrity glamour to its campaigns.

"That support is very welcome — not only from celeb-

rities but also from people in their professional capacities who give a great deal of time free. We rely considerably on their support, since the whole point of our communications effort is to catch people's attention for the message we've got to put across."

Mandelson himself might almost be counted as one of these party benefactors, for it is no secret that after the 1987 campaign he was intensively courted by the advertising industry, as well as by television (where he first made a name for himself as a *Weekend World* producer). Walworth Road does not run to salaries in the same league as the rewards he could have commanded there.

His management of the 1987 campaign included careful measures to keep television party meetings free of hecklers who might have marred the effect of triumphal unanimity, and to minimize the risk of exposing the rough edge of his leader's temper (which can be short-fused, as last week's rumpus over a BBC radio interview showed).

The new campaign will also be media-centred, in contrast to Michael Foot's reliance on the doorstep and the public meeting. "I attach very great importance to the Press and broadcasting, which are the main means by which we get our message across", he says. "Voter contact complements that, because people like to have an opportunity to discuss issues on their own doorstep."

Mandelson stresses that the campaign will avoid seeming too earnest. "This will be the first Labour campaign where we will be using a double admissible so that we can trail our advertisements cheekily past the doors of Central Office and the CBL. "There will be a bit of razzmatazz. When we launched the policy review I said we would not lay on any music, because the review doesn't need music to make its point. But I lost count of the journalists who came up to me and complained because I hadn't laid on any music. So from now on there will be music."

Shadow Cabinet members and others in the party whose distinguished leftist feathers he has ruffled hint increasingly that he is gaining too great an ascendancy in its affairs for an unelected official. Comparisons are beginning to be made with Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's masterful controller of media relations.

"I take that both as a compliment and an insult," Mandelson replies. "Bernard Ingham commands huge respect for what he achieves in making Mrs Thatcher's appeal. But the comparison is an insult in the sense that I wouldn't want any efforts to be helpful to the Press to be taken for the kind of manipulation that he goes in for."

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Puttin' on the Ritz again

Freelance editor-publisher David Litchfield says of *Ritz*, the fashion, style and gossip magazine he started with the photographer David Bailey in 1976: "In musical terms, it's the Lou Reed of publishing. It has always had that edge."

At its height in 1981 *Ritz* sold 25,000 copies. But its classic mix of Warhol-style celebrity "raps" and hip West London media gossip lost readers to more professional and status-conscious magazines such as *Time*, *Brown's* *Tatler* and the Thatcherite 1980s. *Ritz* faltered and ground to a halt last October.

Now, like Lou Reed himself, it is hoping for a new lease of life. Next week, following the injection of £1 million of capital from property developer Neville Roberts, a relaunched *Ritz* goes on sale. No longer published on newsprint which betrayed its vaguely "underground" antecedents, *Ritz* is now a fashionable A4 size using matt art stock paper, and costing £2. It has broadened its appeal by including a special pull-out supplement featuring events of social and cultural interest throughout Britain.

"It is more about events and people doing things," Litchfield says. Loath to give much away about the first issue, he says it includes a feature on the Daytona motor bike racing week. "People like Peter de Savary and Malcolm Forbes have given motor bikes a growing social cachet. My ideal feature would be Jackie Collins going on a drinking binge in New York with Sonny Mehta. What I'm looking for is that kind of exciting social mix."

The market for the relaunched *Ritz* is uncertain. Like others in his

David Litchfield talks to Andrew Lycett about the relaunch of the style and gossip magazine that failed first time round



business, Bob Wootton, media director of HDM Horner Collis and Kirvan, recently received a big white box heralding its arrival. Included inside was a rate card and half bottle of Taittinger champagne. He says he has taken space in *Ritz* in the past.

"But its readership has always seemed a closed circle. It's like those give-away magazines which look as though they're written for estate agents by estate agents about estate agents. *Ritz* had a late-Sixties/early Seventies constituency of film producers and media people. There's certainly a lot of money there, and it could support a

magazine. But I don't know if it has a broader market. "Since it started, younger fashion/style magazines like *The Face* and *ID* have emerged. There is nothing in the material I've been sent that suggests the new *Ritz* is going to be any different from the old. I see its appeal rather like [the photographer's magazine] *Zoom* — something left on coffee tables in TV producers' offices."

More than most publications, *Ritz*'s success will be dependent on the creativity of its editor, Litchfield is a likeable, colourful character in his mid-forties. Chain-smoking, dressed in jeans and a thick striped

shirt, wearing dark glasses (in his Fulham office on a hot summer afternoon) and a huge silver bracelet, he looks the epitome of the freelance TV director Wootton sees as his natural reader.

It is no surprise to learn that he once worked as a documentary filmmaker. He left school (a secondary modern near Preston) at 14 and spent two years educating himself in the public library. His first job was as an aircraft mechanic for a gun runner in pre-Gaddafi Libya. He became an illustrator for the British Medical Association and a book designer for the Doubleday subsidiary Alders.

Two years were spent photographing young girls "with more off than on". He started the photographer's magazine *Image* (a year after *Zoom*) before teaming up with Bailey for *Ritz*. His involvement is probably his great strength as an editor. "I enjoy going to night clubs, drinking champagne and having other fringe benefits."

His most exciting interview was with Orson Welles, even though "all he said was 'No'". There were exclusives, like Princess Stephanie of Monaco. "Victims", as he calls his interviewees, generally enjoy the experience, their managements and PR people less so. Legal problems were limited, though one American film star threatened to sue when *Ritz* noted how he had smoked exotic cheroots throughout his interview. With his new backer, Litchfield has money to send name journalists on assignments not possible before. He is confident of success. "As a cross between *Private Eye* and *Tatler*, we're for people who don't fit the demographic profile of advertisers. *Tatler*'s obsession with the middle classes trying to be landed gentry has become a pastiche of itself. That explosion of social life allied to Thatcherism is beginning to change."

There has been a certain amount of pulling back. *Ritz* has always done well in a recession. I recently read an interview with [Tatler editor] Emma Soames in *The Times* in which she linked her paper's circulation decline to a rise in the mortgage rate. I'd hate to think *Ritz* is in any way dependent on people's mortgages."

proary Arts and the BBC TV presenter Sarah Dunant are among the partners in Elliott's interest, the "arts and entertainment-oriented" AB-FM. Programming will draw on the ICA and other cultural institutions, and there will be six hours a day of newspaper-style features and columns. AB-FM aims to make £2.75 million in advertising in its first year following an initial investment of £1.5 million to £2 million.

Add the interlopers from out-of-town independent stations and the IBA will have a lot of lifting to do. A decision is expected in July.

Michael Duncan

Lawyers alerted

Last week's £800,000 libel award against *Private Eye* has hastened moves to establish a Fleet Street Lawyers Society. Media lawyers will meet in Scribbs restaurant off Fleet Street for the inaugural meeting, to be addressed by the Press Council chairman, Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, on July 5. As if the level of libel awards in Britain is not enough, newspaper lawyers are now concerned that members of terrorist organizations, particularly in Ireland, will jump on the legal gravy train. The European Commission's Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters might allow an IRA member to obtain a huge libel award against a British newspaper in an Irish court, and enforce its prompt payment in Britain.

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Gentle success

Is the elusive "gentlemen's magazine" concept at last working in Britain? The bi-monthly *GQ*, published by Conde Nast, has called in Deloitte Haskins to audit its December-January launch issue, and is claiming sales of 57,162. *GQ*'s publisher, Stephen Quinn, expects a first ABC figure of 58,000 in August, far ahead of its 50,000 target. He says that, with advertising also above its target of 100 pages an issue, he will decide in the autumn whether to publish every month from next spring.

A Wilcox service

Desmond Wilcox, former BBC head of general features, is chairman and one of the founders of Network One, a new company that will provide studio and post-production facilities to independent producers. Wilcox has some heavyweight talent with him. Chris Pain, former Virgin Television deputy managing director, is managing director, and other directors are John Beveridge, also a former senior BBC producer, Chris Butfield, ex-partner in Arthur

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The final shot

Sign of consumer magazine trends in the United States: ABC Publishing, part of the Capital Cities/ABC group, is closing its *High Fidelity* and *Modern Photography* magazines after their July issues. The photography magazine market, which boomed with 35mm cameras in the 1970s, has been made particularly vulnerable this decade by the introduction of " idiot-proof" cameras. Diamond Communications, the American arm of the French Hachette group, has bought both titles' subscription lists and trade marks. It already owns *Stereo Review* and *Popular Photography*, American market-leaders in their fields.

Briefing...

EMAP has appointed Paul Trynka editor of its new fortnightly *Radio & Music*, being launched next week. Trynka was formerly editor of *International Musician*. *Punch* circulation is reliably reported to have fallen below 50,000. McCann-Erickson is recommending its clients to take space in *Me*, the new IPC women's weekly: "In our view the risk would appear to be worth taking". Technicians in Maxwell Cable Television have voted for industrial action. The habit is catching: 16 full-time officials at the National Union of Journalists have rejected a 7 per cent pay offer and may ballot for industrial action next Monday. The Periodical Publishers' Association is awaiting a reply from the Post Office chairman, Sir Bryan Nicholson, after its call last week for an emergency meeting with him to discuss mail losses.

Andrew Lycett

A rush for London's air waves

Independent radio has never had it so good. London's Capital Radio has reported an interim profits increase of 82 per cent, buoyed by advertising revenues up more than a quarter. One immediate result is the extraordinary interest in the contract for London's new FM radio station. Bids must be in by noon next Monday and industry sources say between 40 and 120 consortia are likely to apply.

The IBA is saying only: "If past form is anything to go by, many applications will arrive only on the final day." But many potential contractors have already identified themselves — and an interesting

cross-section from broadcasting, publishing and general entertainment they are.

The job description from the IBA is hardly demanding. Pirates and recently granted community franchises aside, London has two commercial stations — LBC, for news, and Capital, for music. The IBA says the new station should "increase the diversity of choice" and serve "a community or communities of interest".

Most applicants have opted for minority interest music

stations. Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group has linked with LBC to set up a prospective classical music station, Classic FM. The opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, the conductor André Previn, the Barbican director, Henry Wrong, and the literary agent Debbie Owen are equity holders in it. But at least four other aspirants have the same idea, including Classical City FM, chaired by the broadcaster Joan Bakewell and with the conductor Jane Glover and Jocelyn Stevens, rector of the

Royal College of Arts, also on board.

David Lee's London Jazz Radio is self-explanatory. Less so is Q102, an album-oriented rock station reportedly backed by the comedian Jasper Carrott. The industrialist Lord Hanson is behind an American-style easy-listening station, while Kiss FM is a former pirate concentrating on dance music.

Tony Elliott, publisher of *Time Out*, the London weekly guide, is involved in three consortia. Stream Radio,

where Capital Radio is the leading partner, is an all-music station that will commission from outside producers. Rhythm Radio, where Elliott will have 5 to 10 per cent of the equity if negotiations this week are finalized, is a self-styled Channel 4 of the music scene, encouraging "enthusiast" disc jockeys to play specialist sounds. The Greater London Enterprise Board is backing the station and the singer Stevie Wonder is a trustee.

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who are calling on a company that, as well as Maria Ewing, Victoria Vergara and Ning Liang alternating in the title role and Jacques Trussell and Christopher Doig as Don José, also includes the National Philharmonic Orchestra and the Ambrosian Opera Chorus, plus 18 professional toreros from Cordoba, 12 snappers from the set of *Batman*, Paço Peña's Fiesta Flamenca Dancers and a choir of 120 children from the London Oratory School.

The production is being screened live and exclusively from Earls Court by Sky Television on Saturday, June 10 - and, in addition to pairs of tickets to the performance of Wednesday, June 7, the senders of the first five all-correct answers to the questions set yesterday and today will each receive a high-quality Grundig satellite television dish and receiver, with installation included, worth a total of more than £400. The 15 runners-up will each receive a pair of tickets to the June 7 performance. All you have to do is answer the

six questions - three printed here yesterday and three today. Write your answers on a postcard or a single sheet of paper, together with your name, address and day and evening phone numbers - the



winners will all be contacted by phone - and send them to: Carmen Competition, *The Times*, PO Box 406, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 1XN to arrive by the first post on Friday, June 2.

- 4 The Paris theatre where Peter Brook's *Carmen* opened: (a) Bouffes du Nord; (b) Opéra Comique; (c) Théâtre des Champs-Élysées?
- 5 Who was Covent Garden's first post-war *Carmen*: (a) Constance Shacklock; (b) Edith Coates; (c) Martha Mödl?
- 6 Which of the following did not direct a film based on *Carmen*: (a) Francesco Rosi; (b) Orson Welles; or (c) Otto Preminger?

Michael Gambon has slowly become one of our most substantial actors. Irving Wardle weighs him up

A credible hulk

The careers of English actors perennially evoke the fable of the hare and the tortoise, with the difference that the hare usually wins. The overwhelming majority of star actors make it to the top in their twenties. There are also those who strike lucky after years of obscurity. What is rare is the authentic tortoise: an actor starting on the bottom rung and making a steady, unobstructed ascent to the summit.

Such is the story of Michael Gambon, a long-term National Theatre and television series player whom Ralph Richardson went on to salute as "the Great Gambon". You can see what he meant from Gambon's performance in David Hare's new film *Paris by Night*. He plays an alcoholic MP professionally outstripped by his careerist wife and impressively digesting every insult and humiliation until his accumulated rage awesomely erupts. It is a classic tortoise-and-hare relationship; achieving its devastating effect thanks to an actor (in David Hare's phrase) who can "portray passion, as opposed to anger".

This film follows a quarter-century of sustained and continuous growth lately crowned with four massively commanding performances: as the bedridden fantasist hero of Dennis Potter's *The Singing Detective*, the honest boss of a crooked workforce in Ayckbourn's *A Small Family Business*; Eddie Carbone in Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge*; and as Chekhov's Uncle Vanya, who (like Hare's MP) developed from a blear-eyed sloth into a toweringly insouciant instrument of retribution. These are heavyweight roles, only to be attempted by actors with the right physique. It so happens that Gambon is built like a lumberjack, and has uncommon powers of energy and endurance. Beyond that, he has the imaginative energy to

sink himself so completely in a role that the spectator can experience what it is like to inhabit his body. Watching him, you could feel the restless tension that kept Eddie's feet moving when the rest of him had come to a stop, or the desire of Potter's psoriasis victim to dig his nails into his burning skin.

Now 48, Gambon is at the peak of a career that started on nothing. The son of an Irish factory worker, he grew up in Camden Town and was all set for a life in engineering when he happened to be walking past the open scene-dock doors of the Shaftesbury Theatre, where one glimpse of the backstage debris settled his future: "I just wanted to get up there."

With no drama-school experience, he wrote to Michael MacLiammoir at the Dublin Gate, listing an impressive string of fictitious credentials; whereupon MacLiammoir recruited him for a tour of *Othello* with instructions to grease-paint his knee-caps to cover the holes in his red tights. From there he moved straight to the National Theatre as a founder-member of Olivier's first company in 1963. Then, noticing the queues ahead of him for leading parts, he left for the Birmingham Rep, where he got the chance to play *Othello* (still his favourite role); which, in turn, led to his first long television series, *The Borderers*.

Independence brought him steady employment, but did not catapult him into fame. And when he did emerge on the London stage it was as the painfully self-effacing Toni, the tongue-tied vet in Ayckbourn's *The Norman Conquests*. The sight of this massive creature sidling on, wracked with shyness, and sitting down to a meal on a footstool so that only his head appeared over the table, had the inescapable effect of making him the most visible figure on stage. It was a lovely perfor-

mance; and it led to others along similar lines.

At this point, Gambon seemed set for a secure, unflashy career as a middleweight comic actor. The essence of his appeal seemed to lie in the contrast between his hulking physique and the defenceless spirit inside it. The act would be over if the Cowardly Lion shed its skin. He did shed it, though, when he rejoined the National Theatre in 1980 to play Brecht's *Galileo*. I remember the sense of disbelief in seeing this embarrassment specialist charging this supposedly cold play with the force of a long pent-up volcano. After this role, which "turned me into a heavyweight", he stopped apologizing.

One thing that attracted him to *Galileo* was the task of ageing from 40 to 75. He is an actor who works inwards from externals: very attentive to how a character walks, sits, dresses: "You couldn't begin to rehearse a soldier in plimsolls." This supplies one clue to what he means by a "heavyweight". It does not mean physique; but rather the weight that an actor pulls down on himself and then summons the energy to lift. Performance thus becomes a progress through a resistant element, which acquires a corresponding life of its own. In his conquest of physical obstacles, he remains an engineer (still collecting Victorian machinery), and maybe his early directors were too keen to see him as a theatrical artisan.

He has now discarded that mask; but he shares the mysterious quality of all great actors, that no matter how eloquent they may be, they hold a secret in reserve. If he has a literary prototype, it is no working-class character, but Tietjens, the stoically tragic patrician hero of Ford Madox Ford's *Parade's End* novels. Should they ever be dramatized, there is an actor who was born to take their weight.

● *Paris by Night* opens at the Curzon, Shaftesbury Avenue, on Friday.



The force of a long pent-up volcano: Michael Gambon in London last week

Fighting talk

TELEVISION

I assume that the title *Hypotheticals* (ITV) derives from the taxi-driver's response to tricky moral interrogation: "Well, assa hypothetical question, innit?" A score of interested parties to a question of minority rights are arranged in a horseshoe, and cross-examined by a reasoning lawyer about their responses to a suggested scenario.

Salman Rushdie is in anything but a hypothetical situation, but if he was watching last night (and 11-7 he was), he will have learnt that, if he was dining out in a restaurant in Islington, and a fellow diner rushed him with a knife and a cry of "Death to the devil, Rushdie", at least Max Madmen, MP, would try and trip the man, and the Bishop of Manchester would give him sanctuary.

Yusuf Islam, formerly Mr Cat Stevens, and the man who brought you "Oh Baby, Baby, It's a Wild World", would, on his present showing, sit and look smug. Indeed it was noticeable that while all the hard-line Muslims were anxious for Rushdie's speedy demise, none would do the deed himself.

The layout makes for good drama; but with only one-line answers required, it soon becomes clear that the show belongs to the man holding the floor, known as the "Moderator", although "Ringmaster" would be nearer the mark. Geoffrey Robertson, QC, was the moderator on Rushdie, and caught very well the tone of self-satisfied bullying so common to actors playing lawyers. The next two programmes are on racism, so the moderators will probably be issued with whips and chairs.

Michael Winner, a man who is to cinema what Liberace was to classical music, thought the book wouldn't make a good film. Fay Weldon wondered aloud why the police chief on her left didn't arrest the Muslim on her right for public incitement to murder. She met with silence, but this, along with her pleasure at discovering the lived in a society worth dying for, was the most stirring comment of the evening.

Without having an axe to grind for either side, yet I never could stand to see a man outnumbered. If I found 100 million men ranged against me one dark night, it would be very comforting to have Fay Weldon covering my back.

Chris Peachment

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Stylized kind of love

It is difficult on seeing an opera for the first time to know how effective, how true to the intended flavour a production is. Hans Werner Henze's *Elegy for Young Lovers* received celebrated treatment at the Edinburgh Festival in the early 1970s, for instance, which by all accounts emphasized the evil of its anti-hero poet's self-interest with its sharp savagery. On the other hand, Henze wanted W.H. Auden and Chester Kallman to write a libretto that would provide fuel for warmly romantic music; they did so, the composer duly responded, and the first productions in the early 1960s apparently concentrated on the tender poignancy of the would-be lovers' struggle to find themselves.

Philippe Piffault's production, for the group Volte-Face's performance in the London International Opera Festival, took another stance. His stylized gestures and frozen poses exaggerated the absurdity of the situation in which the six principals find themselves. There are comic aspects to the piece, it is true, but

OPERA
Elegy for Young Lovers
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Piffault's manner rather distanced one from the claustrophobia of Mittenhorfer's little circle, from the turbulent emotions of the lovers, the desperate symbiosis of Dr Reischmann and Mittenhorfer's assistant, Elisabeth. On its own terms, however, the production worked; and Antoine Fontaine's set design, based on an untidy archaeological site, with a strange, huge, rusty portaculis-like structure as its centrepiece, and with scaffolding, columns and stone blocks for furniture, was innovative, bold and functional.

Rich and impassioned and complex as it is, the score was realized by the Volte-Face Ensemble with an unerring confidence. The players responded to every facet of this music, whether in the furious

storm music of Act III (a section comparable in impact to the Hunt of the Maenads in *The Bassarids*) or in music that required a warmer response. For that much credit is due to Rupert Bowden, in whom, just three years after his conducting debut, one can sight a star in the making. His style is clean and precise, and here he achieved a rich blend as well as a rare exactitude. The singers, within the parameters set by the production, also did a fine job. Louisa Kennedy's high coloratura excelled in the part of the ostensibly mad Hilda, provider of visions, while David Aldred and Bronwen Mills, also vocally strongly cast as the lovers Toni and Elizabeth, performed with the requisite contrived ardour and genuine bewilderment. Reischmann and Carolina (David Aldred and Margaret McDonald) blindly fussed and swooned and congratulated themselves effectively as they pandered to Glenville Hargreaves's rather less myopic, monstrous Mittenhorfer.

Stephen Pettitt

On the spot

JAZZ
Steps Ahead
Logan Hall

Irakere
Ronnie Scott's

As the years go by, the American band Steps Ahead bears less and less resemblance to the all-star fusion group - simply called Steps - which arrived in 1979. Now that Michael Brecker has moved on, to more lucrative pastures, vibraphone player Mike Mainieri is the last remaining founder-member.

A grizzled bundle of energy, he continues to throw himself into the task with gusto; yet it's hard to avoid the feeling that, despite his best efforts, the band is simply marking time. Never the most individual of outfits, it now sounds like little more than an agglomeration of the latest musical technology and trends. The formula flows along

seamlessly: a hint of African percussion, a dash of straight-ahead jazz, piano, neatly rounded off with a stadium guitar ballad. The response of the Logan Hall audience indicates there is still plenty of mileage in the dip and mix approach; but, apart from the Garbarek-influenced soloing of the Norwegian saxophonist Bendik, this was session work at its impersonal best.

There was a hint of automation, too, in Irakere's Latin routines at Ronnie Scott's. On a steamy, airless night the opening percussion set-pieces and attempts at audience participation seemed forced. All that could be forgiven once the Cuban band got back to the real business of negotiating Chuchó Valdez's hairpin arrangements. In London until June 16, it is essential listening, even on crowd-pleasers such as "Cha-Cha-Cha". "Las Margaritas" prompted the best collective effort from the horn section, reminding us that, on form, this can be one of the world's most exhilarating live bands.

Clive Davis

Over the barriers

RECITAL
Sergei Leiferkus
Queen Elizabeth Hall

The first Soviet singer at Glyndebourne, Sergei Leiferkus gave a recital, for the London International Opera Festival, of which half was made up of baritone arias from his operatic repertoire, not well suited to piano accompaniment when his vigorous weight of tone cried for an orchestra.

He has virtually two voices, both called into play for the number from *Carmen* that he delivered as "Tow-ay-ay-ay", with a distinct change of colour for Escamillo's lines of self-quotations. It was not ineffective in context, nor was the slight rasp with which he savoured both Massenet and Verdi's lagna, with the obverse of a smooth high register and

lovely legato line in Posa's aria from *Don Carlos*. Helen Robertson-Barker at the piano made some stabs at replacing an orchestra, but was more considerate in the all-Russian songs. The programme gave only the titles and left the singer to introduce each item in charmingly painstaking English. They included little-known Shostakovich, contemporary settings of Heine in Russian translation by Valery Gavrilin (pleasantly romantic and evocative) and settings from Shakespeare's Sonnets by Kabalevsky. These brought out the sensitive artistry and communicative feeling that has made the singer so much admired in Britain: a sense of dramatic or poetic character illuminates the words across language barriers, bringing a shared delight in lyric grace.

Noël Goodwin

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● **Timeless Fish** (BBC2, 8.10pm) has a budget of films drawn from historical periods: 500 years of the accurate and detailed *Harriet Walter* gives flesh and blood to Margaret Paston, whose letters to her husband, and other members of her family, are a rare primary source for the life of English women at the time of the Wars of the Roses. Contrary to the stereotype of medieval women as passive and dominated by men, Margaret emerges as an active person, finding a busy and courageous life. The second film, shot secretly by cameramen from the Polish trade union Solidarity, is a series of portraits of witnesses to the murder of Polish Solidarity leader Lech Wałęsa. A reminder that anti-Semitism is centuries older than Hitler, being based in this case on medieval myths of Jews killing and torturing Christian children.

FM Stereo — all day in London, the Midlands, the North, South Wales, Avon and Somerset, Oxfordshire, central Scotland and Belfast. **5-8pm**
News on the half-hour from 6.30-8.30, then at 10.30
6.30 Adnan John 6.30 Simon Mayo 8.30 Samon Bettes 12.30
Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 1.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Mark Goodier 7.30
Water's Weekly 8.30 John Peel 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.30-1.00 The Ranking Miss P

11P News on the hour
10:00 Bill Rennells 5-30 Chris
10:15 7-30 Derek Jameson 9-30
10:30 Bruce 11-00 Jimmy Young
10:45 David Jacobs 2-00 Gloria
10:55 3-30 Adriane Love
11:00 John Dunn 7-00 Jim Lloyd
with Folk 2-20 2-30 The
Dancing Fiddles 8-00 Listen to the
band 10-00 Fletcher's Friends
10:30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks
for the Memory 11-00 Brian
Matthew presents Round Midnight
11-00 Alan Dedicoat presents
11:30 3-00 4-00 A Little Night
Music

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6.00 **Coastal AM.** News headlines.
Weather, travel and sports bulletins.

6.30 **The Flintstones in Ventriloquist**
Barney. 6.55 Regional news and
weather.

9.00 News and weather followed by
Children's BBC, presented by Simon
Parkin and Andy Peters, which
includes Headbitch and Co.,
Armistead adventures, Valley
cat (r). 9.25 Sanders of the Canal.
Nick Sanders continues his
travelling around the country's
canals and learns something
about traditional boat painting.

10.00 News and weather followed by
Roll of the Dice, 10.15
Playbus (r). 10.30 **The Wombles**
narrated by Bernard Cribbins (r).
10.45 Five to Daxton, Alan
Bennett with a reading.

1.20 News and weather followed by
Junior Kick Start. Heart two of
the motorcycle competition for the
Motorcycle Union Trophy, with
competitors from Wales,
Derbyshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire,
Kent and County Durham.

1.30 The end of the story of Peter
Terson's and Dennis Skidmore's
journey along the Pilgrims' Way
from Winchester to Canterbury.
Today they start at a cathedral
and pass through the village of
Chatham before reaching their
destination - Canterbury Cathedral.

oil (gr.). (Ceezax) 12.50 The
Historyman, Bryan McInerney
examines the lives of the big
brewers on the traditional public
house (r.). 12.55 Regional news
and weather
-00 One O'Clock News with Michael
Buck
-30 Neighbors. Jim and Beverly have
more trouble with Todd and Katie;
and Mrs Mangel allows Bouncer
to have his way 1.30 Discovering
Anties. Amy Soper with red,
roe and falow deers (r.). 1.15 The
High Chaparral. Western
adventures starring Lail Erickson and
Cameron Mitchell (r.).
-00 On the House. Home
refurbishment series.
This afternoon's edition includes
advice on sound insulation; and on
keeping warm a north-facing
bedroom (r.).
-30 Caricatures 3-50 Corners.
Children's questions answered by
Sophie Aldred and Simon Davies
(r.). 4.05 Mysterious Cities of Gold.
Episode 17 of the 22-part
adventure serial (r.).
-35 The Movie Game. Film and video
quiz presented by Phillip Schofield.
Taking part this afternoon are
pupils from Witley Abbey Primary
School, Cowmery; Foxyards
Primary School, Dudley; and
Featherstone Middle School,
Southall

- about the pupils and staff of a Canadian school (r). (Caeftx)
- 20 **News** 10.30
- 20 **Six O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer. Weather 6.30 **Newsroom** South East
- 20 **Wogan**. Tonight's guest list includes actress Athene Seyler, who celebrates her 100th birthday today. Sarah Miles, Richard Briers, Dame Peggy Ashcroft and James Fox. Plus, with a song, Plácido Domingo and Jennifer Rush
- 20 **No Place Like Home**. Domestic comedy series starring William Gault (Caeftx)
- 20 **Castles**. Peter Dinklage's Arthur advises for a cleaner and receives a motley selection of replies (r). (Caeftx)
- 20 **Dallas**. Homeymooners JR and Cathy, together with Bobby, mix pleasure with business in Salzburg. Back Dallas. Miss Ellie is anxious when Clayton fails to arrive home one night; and Cliff receives short shrift from Afton. (Caeftx)
- 20 **A Party in the SPD**. Political Broadcast on behalf of the SPD
- 20 **News** with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
- 20 **Inside Story: Partners in Crime** (see Choice)
- 20 **Sportnight** highlighted by Steve Florio. Football: introductions of the World Cup qualifying match between Wales and West Germany. The commentator is Barry Davies; Cricket: highlights of a Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Tom Travenay
- 20 **Open West**

6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme, introduced by Peter Kay. 6.30 News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Taylor. 8.00 News. 9.00 News and Weather, with Timmy Mallett.

9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show hosted by Tom O'Connor 9.55

10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Mike Scott chairs a discussion on topical matters

10.40 The Morning Magazine series presented by Fern Britton and Andy Craig. Today's edition includes advice for 16-year-olds and their parents who are undecided about further education or leaving school. Plus national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.00 followed by national weather

12.10 Allsorts. For the young (R). 12.30 A Country Practice.

1.00 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.30 Thames news and weather

1.30 Which Way? Anthony Wilson with a John Peel special offering advice for 16-year-olds who cannot make up their minds whether to stay at school or to start work. Followed by Crimestoppers 2.00 Richmond Hill.

3.00 Tell the Truth. Fred Clinegan with another edition of the spot-the-impostor game 3.25 Thames news and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 The Telebugs (R). 4.05 The Raggy Dolls (R). 4.20 E.M.U.-TV with Raggy and special guest Doodoo the clown. 4.30 Children's Ward. Drama serial set in the children's ward of a general hospital

5.10 Home and Away. Australian drama serial about a couple and their five foster children

5.40 News with Trevor McDonald. Weather 5.55 Thames news and weather

6.25 Thames Help! for those suffering from rheumatoid arthritis

6.30 Emmetdale Farm. Dolly is the subject of keen interest from Eric Pollard

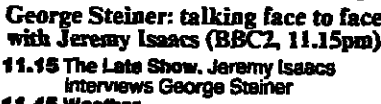
6.50 Bannan's Holiday. Travel and popular culture for teens, presented by Sarah Kennedy. This evening's theme are fashions from Newcastle; Planetarium lectures from Belfast; and stockbrokers from London (Oracle)

7.00 Coronation Street. While Alec's rand is on other things, Jack and Vera hatch a plot. (Oracle)

7.40 Sporting Triangles introduced by Andy Craig. This week Emyrn Hughes, Emma Gray and Andy Gray are joined by Walter Swinburn, Derek Pringle and Anne Hobbs

8.30 No Strings. The final programme of the series. (Oracle)

- 6.50 Open University: Physical Chemistry – Methanol. Ends at 7.20.
- 6.50 *Pheta*
- 9.05 *You and Me*. For the very young, presented by Harry Tooth (r).
- 9.20 In Conversation, Keith
- 10.00 In Conversation, in conversation with Paul Oakenfold. Back over his varied career (r).
- 9.50 Cricket. Live coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final match. A 50 over match. The game, introduced by Tony Lewis
- 1.25 Green Claws, with Nick Harwitz and Gordon (r).
- 1.40 Holiday Outings. Kathy Taylor visits Florida's Disneyworld (r).
- 1.50 Cricket. Further coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final game. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.50.
- NB: In the event of the cricket evening running, programmes following it may be delayed or cancelled
- 2.00 Rough Guide to Europe. Magenta De Vire and Sankha Guha present an alternative (journs') guide to Copenhagen (r).
- 2.10 Timeswitch: Witnesses (see Choice)
- 2.00 M's World. Wounded marines make his heart in the 477th; and Klinger shows a new man the ropes (r).
- 2.25 Boys From The Blackstout. The first of the best run of the five plays about the celebrated gang of Liverpoolian tarmac layers. With no work on the horizon the gang spend the opportunity for other means of earning money.
- 2.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the SDP

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6.00 The Channel Four Daily includes national and international news; weather; travel reports; business news; arts and entertainment guides; and consumer advice.

8.25 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. Today's guest is Lulu.

10.25 The Flying Doctors. Episode two of the three-part drama serial about a Royal Flying Doctor Service (r).

11.25 Movie Museum (b/w). *The Lost World*, a 1925 silent version of Conan Doyle's adventure starring Wallace Beery and Boscoe Love (r).

12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susan Simons.

1.00 Jobsearch. Series on how to go about getting employment (r).

1.30 (Oracle) 1-30 The Careers. The second in a series of television programmes examining the problems facing care assistants (r).

2.00 Film. C. H. M. S. (1936, b/w) starring Wallace Ford and John Mills. Comedy drama about an American gangster, on the run for murder, who crosses the Atlantic and finds The British Army, pretending to be a Canadian. Directed by Raoul Walsh.

3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. A daytime talk show in America.

4.30 Fifteen-to-One.

5.00 Storywheel. Stories for both hearing and deaf children.

5.30 Country Ways. The Hoo Peninsula in North Devon, filmed over five January days (r).

6.00 Mark & Mandy.

7.30 Tales Out of School. Is Scottish education better than in England and Wales?

8.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Seasons and Sue Carpenter.

7.50 Party Political. Comment from a Labour Party politician. Followed by Weather.

9.00 Brookside. Sheila Grant discovers that Bobby has cut her hair because she is living with Billy. (Oracle)

9.30 Dispatches. A report on the organization leading up to last weekend's demonstration in London by Muslims protesting at British big game hunting.

10.15 Octopus - Power of the Mafia. The sixth and final episode of the drama serial about one Italian politician's fight against organized crime, starring Michele Placido (r).

11.15 Club X. A series examining what is new in popular culture.

11.45 The Session featuring jazz guitarist Louis Scuderi and Mundell Lowe, and jazz vocalist Honor Heffernan.

12.45am Max Headroom. American adventure series starring Matt

SKY CHANNEL

5.30 European Business Channel **6.00**
The Big Kat Show **6.30** Panel Pot
Pot **10.00** The Sullivans
10.30 Sky By Day **11.30** A Problem
Shared **12.00** Another World **12.5**
General Hospital **1.50** As The
World Turns
2.45 Loving **3.15** The Lucy Show **3.45**
The Little Rascals **4.00** Countdown **5.00**
The Young Doctors **5.30** The Three's
Company **6.00** Sky's Star Search
7.00 Sale Of The Century **7.30**
Hey Dad **8.00** Mr. Belvedere
8.30 Trapper John, M.D. **9.30** Against
The Wind **10.30** James T. Horn
11.30 Top End Down Under
12.30 The Landscape Channel

News on the Hour
6.30 European Business Channel
11.30 Our World **12.30** NBC Today
2.30 Beyond 2000 **3.30** BMTV Good
 Health **4.30** Our World
5.30 Beyond 2000 **6.30** Wild West End
7.30 The Reporters **8.30** The Frank
 Bough Interview **9.30** Newsline
10.30 The Reporters
11.30 NBC Nightly News with Tom
 Brokaw **12.30** Wild West End **1.30**
 Newsline **2.30** The Frank Bough
 Interview
3.30 The Reporters **4.30** Beyond 2000
5.30 Entertainment Tonight

4.00 *The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox* (1978): With Goldie Hawn and George Segal. Directed by Melvin Frank

6.00 *The Dark Crystal* (1983): Directed by Jim Henson

8.00 *Hannah and Her Sisters* (1988): With Michael Caine, Mia Farrow, and Carrie Fisher. Directed by Woody Allen

10.00 *Prizzi's Honour* (1985): With Jack Nicholson and Anjelica Huston. Directed by John Huston

12.10 *Squirms* (1976): With Dan Scardino

EUROSPORT

0.30 Eurosport – What a Week! **11.30**
French Open Tennis Tournament
1.30 PGA Golf Championship
3.30 Formula One Motor Racing Grand
Prix **4.30** Preview of Eurosport
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5.00 VJ Kristiane Baker **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** XPO **12.30** MTV!
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9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: With Libby
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10.00 News Gardeners' Question
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10.30 Morning Story: The
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10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News: The Wednesday
 Feature: The Wreck of the
 Chesapeake, (s) (Choice)
11.47 No Time for Nursery
 Rhymes: Tasse Shaw visits
 children whose lives have
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12.00 News: You and Yours, with
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12.25 Winston: Last programme
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12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One: With
 James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r)
1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News: Woman's Hour,
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4.00 News
4.05 Pias on 4: With Stuart Simon.
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4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Anne
 Theroux reports on the
 Nottingham Festival where
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 College, (r) (s)
5.00 PM: Presented by Hugh
 Sykes and Frances
 Coverdale
5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial
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 92.4-94.6; LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.
 95.8; Greater London Radio: 1458kHz/206

Peter Duvalla

● Food and drink for cricketers and fans. The Bradman Tapes (Radio 3, 9.50pm) is going to be thin gruel for the rest of us if tonight's first innings is anything to go by. Off-the-peg cricket anecdotes are now as far between, though by the time one telling flashback to the moment when the boy Bradman battered a golf ball with a small stump. His domestic environment is a grey area into which his interviewer, Norman May, seems content not to stray. For the rest, the 81-year-old batsman's recall of the 1948-49 season and May's analysis of the scores he made, the celebrated batting technique and the injuries he played with are all highly topical. The Bradman Tapes is probably



**Don Bradman: total recall
of his matches (R3, 9.50pm)**

The Wreck of the *Deutschland* (Radio 4, 11.00am) fills in some of the gaps in contemporary accounts of the foundering of a German steamship in the Thames Estuary in 1875, a task for which the poet Sean Street turned to the poet. His most valuable revelations explain what five Franciscan nuns were doing on board the ship. As *The Times* of 1875 did not follow the clues, the very least *The Times* of 1989 can do is to acknowledge that somebody was did.

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BRL shareholders hit at Bond over brewing purchase plan

From David Tweed, Sydney

Mr Alan Bond was yesterday attacked by Bell Resources Ltd shareholders over the plan for BRL to buy Bond Corporation's brewing interests for Aus\$3.5 billion (£1.65 billion) and the Aus\$900 million of loans BRL made to Bond group companies.

As chairman of BRL, Mr Bond was presiding over a packed annual meeting in Perth. Bond Corp owns 54 per cent of BRL.

In defence of the purchase of the brewing interests by BRL, Mr Bond told the meeting the company's profit could grow quickly from the 1988 pre-interest figure of Aus\$287

million to Aus\$450 million. Mr Bond was responding to a BRL shareholder who suggested the interest bill on the Aus\$2.3 billion debt to be acquired with the brewing assets would almost equal its profit.

After the meeting, however, Mr Bond said the Aus\$450 million was not meant as a forecast. He could not say what the projected profits on the brewing assets were or how long it would take to reach the Aus\$450 million figure he had mentioned.

Mr Bond was also criticized by Adelaide Steamship Company Limited, which owns 19.9 per cent of BRL.

Mr Michael Kent, the finance director of Adelaide

told the meeting he was "deeply concerned" to learn that of stated shareholder funds of Aus\$1.58 billion, more than Aus\$1 billion had been loaned or invested in related corporations without any prior approval being sought from minority shareholders.

"Clearly, the making of these loans has significantly diminished the value of the company in real terms and clearly shareholders in BRL have been significantly disadvantaged, at least in the short term, by the adverse market reaction to the disclosure of these loans," he said.

Mr Kent said it was "essential" for at least the large

current component of these loans, together with all the accrued interest, to be repaid to BRL to restore the value of the company.

Mr Kent said Adelaide would not decide whether to vote its key stake in BRL in favour of the brewing proposal until it had seen the independent report. He agreed with Mr Bond that the purchase of the brewing assets would give BRL the direction it lacked and that the proposed transaction would effectively pay the intra-group loans to the Bond group.

Adelaide was considering all the options and expected to make a statement of its intentions before the extraor-

inary meeting to approve the plan. The date of that meeting has not been decided.

Mr Bond meanwhile trumpeted the performance of BRL since last year's sale of Mr Robert Holmes & Court's controlling interest in BRL's parent company, Bell Group Limited.

In 1988 BRL earned a profit of Aus\$187 million against a loss of Aus\$270 million in 1987, he said. He also reminded shareholders that Mr Holmes & Court had told them last year the company had no vision. "And he was right. Well let me stand before you today and say that this chairman and this board have such a vision."

Seaforth in £18m ships sale

Seaforth Maritime, 55 per cent owned by James Finlay of Glasgow and 45 per cent by Taylor Woodrow, has sold its fleet of eight North Sea support vessels for £18.7 million. The ships have a book value of £15.8 million.

They have been bought by Svein Farnstad of Norway, but will remain under British registration and will continue to operate from Aberdeen with Seaforth providing management services and crews. The cash for the ships will be paid in tranches based on the individual value of each ship.

Hanson sale

Hanson has sold its Barbour Campbell group to a management team for £19.8 million in cash, plus the group's cash balances of about £6 million. Barbour consists of industrial thread and linen yarn manufacturing companies.

Bula move

Bula Resources, the Irish oil independent, has increased its holding in the North Sea Bouchan licence area from 1 to 5.56 per cent in a deal worth about £1.1 million.

ICI purchase

ICI has acquired Rayca Chemical, a private company, of northern California. Rayca has a strong position in dye fixation, levelling and scouring agents. The value of the acquisition is less than 1 per cent of ICI's group assets.

Alderson deal

First Technology has acquired Alderson Labs and its subsidiary, Alderson Research Labs, in a \$1.9 million (£1.21 million) deal.

Optometrics up

Optometrics (USA) hoisted its pre-tax profits from \$184,000 to \$325,000 (£208,000) in the year to end-March but there is still no dividend for shareholders. Mr Frank Denton, the chairman, said that the group continued to gain in financial strength.

Madrid SE hit

Trading on the Madrid Stock Exchange was heavily disrupted by a one-day strike by employees who fear their jobs are threatened by reforms due to take effect in July.

Sedgwick investment deal ends



Relieved that a time bomb with an end-August fuse has been removed: David Rowland, chairman of Sedgwick, yesterday

By Colin Campbell

Sedgwick Group, Europe's largest insurance broker, has mutually ended the investment agreement struck in 1985 with Transamerica Corporation of San Francisco. The five Transamerica directors on Sedgwick's board are now no longer automatically required to resign when the agreement is terminated.

Transamerica acquired a 39 per cent equity stake in Sedgwick in 1985, but only a 29.9 per cent voting right, and was allowed to appoint five

directors to the Sedgwick board when the US insurance broker Fred S James, in which Transamerica was a shareholder, was acquired.

However, Transamerica's ability to dispose of, or lift, its holding in Sedgwick was restricted. After August 30, 1989, the agreement permits Transamerica to give six months' notice of its intent to terminate the investment agreement — provided those directors so appointed first resign.

Mr David Rowland, Sedgwick chairman, said terminating the deal removed the time

bomb ticking under Sedgwick with an end-August fuse, and that the continued association of the five Transamerica directors with Sedgwick was welcomed by both sides.

Mr James Harvey, Transamerica chairman, said: "We intend to retain our shareholding at its current level," leading London analysts to say it seemed unlikely Transamerica would bid for Sedgwick. The shares, they said, would have to be assessed even more fundamentally on results and dividend prospects.

In the first quarter of the

1989 financial year, Sedgwick made pre-tax profits of £40.9 million, against £43.9 million last time, reflecting tough conditions. Revenue was £171.4 million, which, based on constant exchange rates, was 2 per cent lower. Expenses, also based on constant exchange rates, were up 0.7 per cent. Sedgwick will declare an interim dividend, the board said.

As part of operational changes, the group is to use the name Sedgwick James for its worldwide retail businesses with effect from January 1, 1990.

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Cook profit trebles to £5m

By Neil Bennett

William Cook, the Sheffield steel castings manufacturer, saw its shares leap 26p to 293p when it announced trebled pre-tax profits of £5.06 million for the year to April 1. Sales rose by 36 per cent to £59 million and shareholders receive a final dividend of 6.26p, an increase of 67 per cent, making a year's total of 9p (6p).

Cook's main castings subsidiary and Catton, which it acquired from Weir Group in 1986, both made £2 million, while Holbrook Precision, also acquired from Weir,

contributed £1 million. The fourth main subsidiary, Hi-Tec Integrity Castings, only made a small profit.

During the year, Cook acquired Robert Hyde, a castings manufacturer in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and David Brown Foundries in South Yorkshire. These have both been merged into the existing business.

It sold Atlas, its loss-making fabrication plant, for £250,000 which gave rise to an extraordinary loss of £93,000. It also sold an unwanted factory at Robert Hyde's Chesterfield

site for £2.25 million. Mr Andrew Cook, the chairman, said: "We have managed to finish the year in a blaze of glory. There is still more to come out of this Cook business, irrespective of acquisitions." However, he accused loss-making competitors of dumping their products on the British market and preventing the company from raising its prices. He said: "This industry has seen 20 years of decline from a mediocre average and it deserves to make good profits."

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Sherwood silent over Tiphook offer

By Martin Waller

Mr James Sherwood, chairman of Sea Containers, met his fellow directors yesterday to decide on a response to the unwanted £531 million break-up from Tiphook, the British container group, and Stena, the Swedish shipping company. But he was not prepared to divulge the outcome of the meeting.

Sea Containers, which owns Sealink ferries and a 42 per cent share of the Orient Express Hotels group, has not yet officially rejected the approach, and the company would only say: "We will not be making any statement at all for some days yet."

But Mr Sherwood is expected to resist strongly any attempt to break up his empire, and by the time a formal response is needed, within 10 days of the initial approach, the whole issue is likely to have become entangled in the foreign courts.

Tiphook and Stena are bringing a legal action tomorrow in Bermuda, where Mr Sherwood's group is based, attempting to block any further buy-ins by the Sea Containers board of its own shares.

The board and various subsidiaries already speak for some 30 per cent of the company, and the court case is also to determine whether they have the right to vote these against any bid. The Anglo-Swedish alliance is in addition considering action in New York, where Sea Containers has its main listing.

An eventual success for its bid would leave Stena holding the Sealink and Hoverspeed businesses and the 40 per cent of Orient Express, which, in addition to the world-famous railway, comprises a string of luxury hotels around the world, including the Cipriani in Venice. The business also includes such publishing interests as the *Illustrated London News*.

The Swedish group does have hotels interests but has no firm plans for the business. Sea Containers acquired its holding for \$16.6 million (£10.6 million at today's rates) in 1987, and the identity of its other shareholders is not a matter of public knowledge.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Overvalued dollar is no comfort as pound slides

This week's prize for whistling into the wind goes to Herr Norbert Klotten, president of the central bank in the West German state of Baden-Württemberg, who said the dollar was overvalued. Herr Klotten, who is also a member of the Bundesbank's policy-making central council, said the dollar's current rate was not justified by purchasing-power parities. Whether that means the Bundesbank will keep its hand on its halfpenny and not move rates tomorrow, another 24 hours will tell.

Much more pressing is which way the Government will jump today. It is barely a week since base rates were lifted 1 per cent to 14 per cent, and the building societies were making soothing noises about being able to hold mortgage rates until the year-end. If base rates go to 15 per cent today, which seemed a strong possibility last night, the home loan bets are off. Mortgage rates will go up again, and the next twist in the inflationary spiral will be in place. Wage demands follow mortgage rate increases as surely as speculators attack the weakest currency.

For the past week, the currency story has not been merely the strength of the

dollar but the slide in sterling. Mr Lawson has no escape from the inflationary trap so long as sterling continues to weaken, and last week's hike in base rates was as much to defend the trade-weighted average at about 93 as it was to fix the dollar rate.

Yesterday, the trade-weighted fell to 92.5, and as the computer models whirled out their updated forecasts the predictions for inflation zoomed into double figures. Heads inflation goes up for the cost of mortgages. Tails it rises as the currency declines.

Our whistling German, Herr Klotten, does, of course, have a point. The dollar is overvalued and both the mark and sterling are weaker than the fundamentals should dictate. But the market is controlled by buyers and sellers rather than fundamental economists. So far, the US authorities in general and Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, in particular, have resisted calls for lower interest rates, but the feeling gains ground in Europe that until such action is taken the turmoil will continue.

The next action, then, ought to be America's, but Mr Lawson is unlikely to be able to wait that long.

Investment trust alchemy

Investment trust analysts have two dreams. The first is to devise a structure which, by financial engineering alone, ensures the market price of shares of an investment trust never falls to a discount to the net asset value. The second is to engineer a takeover machine which can acquire existing investment trusts standing at a discount without itself running into a discount. The alchemists had similar ambitions.

The problem with all schemes devised to bring the first dream to reality is that they cannot operate without a self-destruct button that is within the reach of shareholders. Only the promise of getting back the value of the assets will ensure that the shares stay up with the asset value. All other devices, warrants, convertibles, stepped debentures and all the rest, merely change the timing.

Templeton Galbraith & Hansberger's first venture into the British investment trust market has opted for a sophisticated self-destruct button, or a series of controlled explosions. Half the £30 million of subscription monies will be in the form of a 1 per cent convertible loan stock, and in each of the first three years up to 20 per cent of the stock (which is convertible on a one-for-one basis) will be bought back in the market.

Brokers Kitkat & Aitken, also on a maiden launch into new trusts, believe that will mop up any excess of supply, keeping the shares up with, or even ahead of, events. At year five, shareholders can vote for a wind-up.

The best way, however, to keep the

price ahead is performance, and here the omens are good. Templeton's Emerging Markets Investment Trust will be managed by Dr Mark Mobius, an emerging markets specialist whose portfolios already include Templeton's Emerging Markets Fund, a closed-ended fund launched from the United States just before the crash. The share price is virtually in line with the net asset value and, despite the crash, the net asset value is higher than at flotation. In the past year it has risen 36.3 per cent.

Templeton's hallmark is seeking out value in markets which may seem unfashionable. But while this may lead to seemingly outlandish decisions, Dr Mobius explains that the company is always looking to invest for the long term — typically five years — so it can afford to take this view.

He picks stocks rather than markets. As a seasoned watcher of volatile markets, he seems relatively unruffled by the unrest in Argentina and China, the latter having a disastrous spin-off for the Hong Kong market. He expects to visit Argentina soon to see whether the problems create buying opportunities.

Templeton has identified 75 markets which might provide opportunities for its new fund ranging from Burkina Faso to Uruguay. But initially it will concentrate on 11, including Argentina, Brazil, Greece, Hong Kong and Portugal. Although geographical trusts have a mixed history, the shares are worth tucking away in the corner of a substantial portfolio.

Japanese invest £4.8m to boost Bio-Isolates growth

By Jeremy Andrews

Two Japanese groups are putting up \$5.5 million (£3.5 million) and taking a 21 per cent stake in Bio-Isolates, a manufacturer of whey protein isolates which has lost £2.8 million since coming to the Unlisted Securities Market in 1982.

The news came with results showing Bio-Isolates finally moving into profit — £67,000 before tax on turnover of £2.08 million in the year to December, against losses of £169,000 on turnover of £501,000 in 1987.

Mitsubishi Corporation, the trading house, and Meiji Milk Products, one of the leading Japanese dairy companies with sales of £1.6 billion, are providing a \$4 million loan to pay for improvements at its only plant in the United States, operated by Le Sueur

Isolates, a 75 per cent held joint venture with Le Sueur Cheese in Minnesota.

Mitsubishi and Meiji are also willing to subscribe \$1.5 million for 1.58 million Bio-Isolates shares at 60p to provide working capital. In the absence of approval from Bio-Isolates shareholders, the money will be extended in the form of a loan, though holders owning 49 per cent of the company are believed to favour the move.

The two Japanese companies are buying 2.6 million shares at 52p each, a total of £1.35 million, from the Lek Partnership, a consultant which provided technical assistance and underwrote the second of the two rights issues that Bio-Isolates made in 1987. Bio-Isolates' shares rose 18p

to 56p on the news, capitalizing the enlarged equity at £10.6 million.

In return for putting up the cash, which should help double the capacity of the Minnesota plant, Mitsubishi and Meiji will jointly be granted a sole licence for distributing Bio-Isolates' products in Japan.

The deal takes Bio-Isolates from a USM start-up with little else but hope value to support its share price to a serious commercial organization. Having set out with backing from the Welsh Development Agency and the Milk Marketing Board and moved on to an Irish dairy at Mitchelstown, its big break came with the interest of the founders of La Sœur Cheese and the establishment of its US plant in 1986.

Green divi from the Co-op

Signing the pledge took on a new meaning for delegates at the Co-operative Congress at Torquay, Devon, who each left yesterday with a silver birch sapling. In exchange for the tree, which they undertook to plant to support the Co-op's concern for the environment, the delegates signed a pledge to promote and take an active interest in green issues. It made them Co-operators for the Environment, a lobby group, and was part of a £2 million campaign launched by the "greened" Co-operative Wholesale Society. David Bellamy, the TV naturalist, has found time off from organizing a marshland park on Canvey Island for Peter de Savary to spearhead the campaign. The Co-op claims to have been in the forefront of the movement to introduce environmentally-friendly products. The "going green" has meant cardboard being used for egg boxes, the exclusion of deodorant CFCs in aerosols, and unleaded petrol being used in Co-op vehicles. At least one Co-op retail society is sending shoppers home with purchases in biodegradable plastic bags. The foot-high saplings arrived only just in time from a Gloucestershire nursery for those signing the pledge at the congress. And as supplies ran out, Sir Dennis Landau, the CWS chief executive, was seen bearing the penultimate tree away as he left in his chauffeur-driven Daimler.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Stone-wear for the fit

Time was when owning a Jacuzzi or a Rolls-Royce was enough to separate you from the crowd in Japan. But the country has become so rich (and so crowded) that it is becoming more and more difficult for its "upwardly mobile" to flaunt it. Entrepreneurs have come up with various ideas to soak the rich. These range from gold leaf massages

to a short stay on the QE2 — currently docked at Yokohama — which goes for about £1,500 per person per night, without extras. Now, designer Kiyoko Ishiguro has gone one better by coming up with a leotard cut to fit the new fitness boom. The black velvet costume, studded with 124 diamonds, sells for ¥300 million. That is £1.34 million.

Cash aff-Ayres

Already concerned about the tumbling dollar and Moody's down-grading in their international credit rating, Australians have a new worry. They are almost certainly going to have to pay more to see Ayres Rock, the tourist shrine handed over to the Anangu

aborigines by Bob Hawke's government in 1985. Under the deal, the tribe receives £37,000 in rent plus 20 per cent of the park entrance fees. But in 1987-88, the Anangu received only £60,000, according to economists from Sydney University. Now, the tribesmen want a new deal with Prime Minister Hawke — plus an assurance that the government will clean up the Rock, which, the tribe says, is littered with rubbish left by visitors.

● The dizzy price of land in Tokyo has spawned a new breed of rental property — portable executive suites. Nikken Corp of Tokyo offers what it calls the Denrai Hotel, a portable 12 square-yard unit, for ¥128,000 (£533) a month. Each of the company's ten units is kitted out with four beds, a television, a radio and a digital alarm clock. Air-conditioning, furniture, lavatory and bath are optional.

Another storey . . .

Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels has scaled down its plans to redevelop the prestigious Peninsula Hotel. The Kadoorie family has scrapped its ambitious plan to add two 17-storey towers to the 60-year-old Kowloon landmark which would have increased the number of rooms from 210 to 425. In light of rapidly escalating construction costs, the company has decided to build a single tower at the back of the hotel, increasing the number of rooms to just 350 and leaving much of the original structure intact. Meanwhile, Mandarin Oriental, the Jardines-run luxury hotel group, is operating without a finance director following the sudden departure of Colin Wearmouth. He resigned two months ago but despite the fact that his contract runs until August, he has gone. Wearmouth had been with Jardines for 20 years. Managing director Peter Tyrrie — former Glen Eagles chief and Bells director — leaves next month to start his own British-based hotel management company.

● Caught in the fallout from Drexel Burnham Lambert's worldwide cost-cutting exercise were Neil Shiner and Norman Li who were given their marching orders just three days after setting up a Far East research department for the firm in Hong Kong. Drexel gave both men a year's salary for their three days' work. Shiner and Li then skipped off to join BT Brokerage for comparable salaries.



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The Directors of Jarden Morgan Europe have announced a Net Group Operating Profit after tax of US\$11.67 million for the year ended 31st March 1989.

A final dividend of 11 cents per share has been recommended by the Directors and, if approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held in Luxembourg at 11 am on Monday, 24th July 1989, will be paid to shareholders on 31st July 1989.

The principal activities of the group are corporate advisory services, investment banking, stockbroking, fund management, and international trust and corporate management.

Financial Highlights

	1989 (US\$)	1988 (US\$)
Dividends Declared Per Share	0.16	0.10
Net Earnings Per Share	0.47	0.31
Net Asset Backing Per Share	2.51	2.27
Net Earnings (millions)	11.7	7.7
Shareholders' Funds (millions)	62.7	56.6
Total Assets (millions)	122.8	115.2

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The Directors of the Company, whose names appear under the heading "Directors, Manager, Advisers and Trustees", accept responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of their knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

A copy of this document, which comprises listing particulars relating to the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules made under section 142 of the Financial Services Act 1986, has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration in accordance with section 149 of that Act.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for all the Ordinary Shares and the 1% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2001 (issued and now being issued) to be admitted to the Official List. It is expected that the Ordinary Shares and the 1% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2001 will be admitted to the Official List and that dealings will commence on 19th June, 1989.

TEMPLETON EMERGING MARKETS INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

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Offer for Subscription

sponsored and underwritten by

KITCAT & AITKEN

of

15,000,000 Units (each unit comprising one Ordinary Share of 25p and 100p nominal of 1% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2001) at 200p per Unit payable in full on application

SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised
£10,000,000

Ordinary Shares of 25p each

Issued, and to be issued,
fully paid
£3,750,000

The Ordinary Shares of 25p each now being offered rank in full for all dividends and other distributions hereafter declared, made or paid in respect of Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust PLC.

LOAN CAPITAL

£15,000,000 1% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2001 now being issued.

INDEBTEDNESS

As at the date of this document, the Company has no loan capital apart from the 1% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2001 including term loans outstanding or created but unissued, nor any outstanding mortgages, charges, debentures or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowings, including bank overdrafts, liabilities under acceptances or acceptance credits, finance leases, hire purchase commitments, guarantees or other material contingent liabilities.

The Directors are aware of intended applications for a total of 11,250,000 Units which the Company will accept in full. These applications together will represent 75 per cent. of the issued Ordinary Shares and the 1% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2001 of the Company following the Offer.

The application list will open at 10.00 a.m. on 12th June, 1989 and may be closed at any time thereafter.

DEFINITIONS

In this document the following words and expressions shall bear the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

"Application Form"	the application form in respect of the Offer attached hereto
"the Company", "Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust" or "TEMIT"	Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust, Public Limited Company, the £15,000,000 1% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2001, particulars of which are set out in Part 3
"Convertible Stock"	the 1% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2001, particulars of which are set out in Part 3
"Directors"	the Directors of the Company whose names are set out under the heading "Directors, Manager, Advisers and Trustees"
"Intended Applications"	the intended applications for 11,250,000 Units under the Offer which the Company intends to accept in full
"Kitcat & Aitken"	Kitcat & Aitken, a division of RBC Dominion Securities International Limited
"Listing Particulars"	these listing particulars relating to the Company dated 25th May 1989
"the Offer Price"	200p per Unit
"the Offer"	the offer for subscription of 15,000,000 Units on the terms set out in this document
"Ordinary Share"	an Ordinary Share of 25p in the capital of the Company
"Templeton International"	Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger Ltd., and its subsidiaries and associates
"T.M.L." or "the Manager"	Templeton Investment Management Limited
"T.M.L." or "Investment Adviser"	Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger Ltd
"TEMIT" or "Templeton Emerging Markets Fund"	Templeton Emerging Markets Fund Inc
"The Stock Exchange"	The International Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland Limited
"Unit"	a unit comprising one Ordinary Share and 100p nominal of Convertible Stock
"£" or "sterling"	currency of the United Kingdom
"\$" or "U.S. dollars"	currency of the United States of America

TIME TABLE

Application list opens	10.00 a.m. on	12th June 1989
Base of allocation expected to be announced by		14th June 1989
Despatch of renounceable letters of allotment on		16th June 1989
Dealings expected to commence in Units on renounceable letters of allotment on		19th June 1989
Latest time for splitting	3.00 p.m. on	5th July 1989
Latest time for registration of renunciation	3.00 p.m. on	7th July 1989
Dealings expected to commence separately in Ordinary Shares and Convertible Stock on		10th July 1989
Despatch of Ordinary Share certificates and Convertible Stock certificates by		4th August 1989
First payment of interest in respect of the Convertible Stock expected to be paid on		31st October 1989
First conversion date in respect of the Convertible Stock on		31st October 1989
First dividend on Ordinary Shares expected to be paid during		September 1990

PART I

INVESTMENT BACKGROUND

Emerging market opportunities broadly arise through investment in the economies and markets of nations categorised by the World Bank as low or middle income. These nations generally include all countries in South and Central America, all countries in Africa, all countries in the Asia Pacific region (except Japan, Australia and New Zealand), and some countries in the Middle East and European countries. The Manager intends to explore investment opportunities over a wide range of emerging markets, the principal markets being set out in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1

Emerging Markets		
Algeria	Haiti	Papua New Guinea
Angola	Honduras	Paraguay
Argentina	Hong Kong	Peru
Bangladesh	Hungary	Philippines
Brazil	India	Portugal
Bolivia	Indonesia	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Jamaica	Singapore
Burundi	Jordan	South Africa
Cameroun	Korea, Republic of	Taiwan (R.O.C.)
Central African Republic	Libya	Tanzania
Chad	Malawi	Thailand
China, People's Republic of	Malaysia	Togo
Colombia	Mali	Turkey
Costa Rica	Mauritania	Uganda
Cote d'Ivoire	Mexico	Uruguay
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Venezuela
Ecuador	Mozambique	Yugoslavia
Egypt, Arab Republic of	Nepal	Zaire
El Salvador	Niger	Zambia
Ethiopia	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Ghana	Pakistan	
Guatemala	Panama	

SUMMARY

The following information has been derived from and must be read in conjunction with the full text of this document.

The Company was established on 18th May 1989 as an investment trust whose principal objective is to provide shareholders with a high level of capital growth by investing primarily in emerging country equity or equity-related securities.

The Directors believe that an investment trust is an appropriate vehicle for emerging markets investment. A stock exchange listing will afford a degree of liquidity to investors who are forced to make an early realisation, without disturbing the Manager's investment policy and the growth prospects for the remaining shareholders. However, it is the Directors' opinion that the emerging markets investment should be viewed in terms of long-term returns.

The Manager and Secretary of the Company is Templeton Investment Management Limited. Investment advice is provided to the Manager in respect of the Company's investments by Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger Ltd. The emerging markets team is led by J. Mark Mobius, and is based in Templeton International's Hong Kong office.

During the period 1985 to 1987 emerging countries, taken as a group, experienced gross domestic product ("GDP") growth rates in excess of those for industrial countries as demonstrated by Table 3 below. Notwithstanding this strong growth, many emerging markets are still trading at valuations which are not excessive when compared with developed markets. The Directors believe that many emerging markets provide extremely good investment opportunities, as a combination of economic growth and developing capital markets produces strong corporate earnings and improved international recognition. The Directors believe that these trends and factors will continue in the foreseeable future.

The Manager intends to explore investment opportunities over a wide range of emerging markets, the principal markets being set out in Table 1 below. The Directors believe that the growth rates of these markets, taken as a group, will continue to exceed those of the industrial countries.

Initially, the Manager believes the countries showing the greatest potential for immediate investment are Argentina, Brazil, Greece, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore and Thailand.

Templeton International operates an investment strategy which aims to identify securities that appear to stand at a low price in relation to its assessment of their long-term value. It has successfully applied this strategy for over thirty-five years and managed \$14.6bn of funds at 31st March 1989, including \$868m directly in emerging markets. Accordingly, rather than attempt to allocate assets to different markets with reference to an index or predetermined formula, the Manager will determine the distribution of the portfolio by identifying the best value in individual securities.

It is expected that the Ordinary Shares and Convertible Stock will trade at broadly similar levels in relation to underlying net asset value and it is intended that trading at any significant discount to net asset value should be minimised. For this purpose there will be a five yearly vote on the continuation of the Company as an investment trust in its current form. In addition, the Company, in common with other investment trusts, will be able to buy the Convertible Stock in the market and may do so if it trades at a discount to its underlying net asset value. Also, in respect of the first three years of its life, the Company will tender for 20 per cent. of the Convertible Stock at such price as the Directors determine on the basis set out in paragraph 8(d) of Part 3, having regard to the objective that the Convertible Stock and the Ordinary Shares should not trade at any significant discount to net asset value. Such tendering would increase the net asset value attributable to the remaining Convertible Stock and the Ordinary Shares to the benefit of continuing holders.

The income of the Company will be derived primarily from equity or equity-related securities. After expenses, the income of the Company available for dividend is unlikely to be significant. It is intended that dividends will be paid annually. The financial year of the Company ends on 30th April in each year.

DIRECTORS, MANAGER, ADVISERS AND TRUSTEES

Directors	Thomas Loren Hansberger (Chairman) Lyford Cay, Nassau, Bahamas	Joseph Bernhard Mark Mobius (Managing) Two Exchange Square, Hong Kong
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Manager, Secretary and Registered Office	Templeton Investment Management Limited Templeton House Aldhous Crescent Edinburgh EH3 8HA	Investment Adviser: Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger Ltd. Lyford Cay, Nassau, Bahamas
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In addition, the majority of the emerging markets in which the Company will invest have shown more rapid growth of real GDP than the industrial countries. Table 3 below sets out data on the average growth rates of industrial and developing countries.

TABLE 3

Growth of real GDP*		
	Industrial countries per cent.	Developing countries per cent.
1965-73	4.5	6.5
1973-80	2.8	5.4
1980-85	2.4	3.2
1986	2.7	4.7
1987	2.9	3.9

*Source: World Development Report 1988.

Notwithstanding this strong growth, many emerging markets are trading on ratings which are not excessive when compared with developed markets. Table 4 below sets out some comparative valuations.

TABLE 4*

Valuations of selected markets (a)

Valuations at 31st December 1988		Valuations Relative MS-CI World (b)	
Price/Earnings	Price/Book Value	Price/Earnings	Price/Book Value
THE WORLD (c)	18.1	2.4	2.4
DEVELOPED MARKETS (c)	15.6	1.9	1.9
Germany	15.6	1.9	1.9
France	12.6	1.8	1.8
Japan	15.8	2.0	2.0
UK	10.4	1.7	1.7
USA	11.8	1.8	1.8

Although the returns from emerging markets over the past four years have varied widely between markets, certain of these markets have performed very strongly. This is illustrated by Table 2 below which sets out the return on a notional investment over the four-year period to 31st December 1988 for the various emerging markets specified.

TABLE 2

Total returns for selected emerging markets on a notional investment of £100 for the four-year period to 31st December 1988*

LATIN AMERICA		SOUTH ASIA	
Argentina	127.5	India	148.6
Brazil	81.4	Pakistan	81.4
Chile	445.3	Thailand	111.6
Colombia	230.0		251.3
Mexico	287.0		
Venezuela	86.5		
EUROPE—MIDDLE EAST—AFRICA		EAST ASIA	
Greece	161.4	Korea	505.5
Jordan	73.7	Philippines	464.5
Nigeria	26.9	Taiwan, China	464.5
Portugal	647.5		
Turkey	235.2		
Zimbabwe	469.0		

DEVELOPED MARKETS*

F.T.A. All-Share Index
184.5
International World Index
189.4

*Source: International Finance Corporation Emerging Stock Markets Factbook 1989, converted into sterling using rates of exchange of \$1.159=£1 on 31st December, 1984 and \$1.809=£1 on 31st December, 1988.
* January 1986 = 100
* December 1988 = 100
*Source: Datastream, converted into sterling using rates of exchange of \$1.159=£1 on 31st December, 1984, in the case of a and \$1.809=£1 on 31st January, 1985, \$1.828=£1 on 31st December, 1988 and \$1.809=£1 on 31st December 1989.
Conversion Rates Source: Datastream.

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1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Flying into a controversy

British Airways has unveiled plans for a new £100 million corporate headquarters near London's Heathrow Airport to provide office space for up to 2,500 management staff. The scheme, to provide 500,000 square feet of offices with underground car parking, is controversial because the site, Prospect Park, off the A4 Bath Road on the north-west border of the airport, is in the metropolitan green belt.

Gwyn Rees-Jones, the airline's general manager for property, is under no illusions that there will be a battle to gain approval for the project from the local authority and the Government, but argues that it is a unique case, not only justifiable but essential if British Airways is to remain internationally competitive in the 1990s.

The 48-acre site is a former gravel pit, subsequently used as a landfill area for waste disposal. At present, it is closed to the public and regarded as unsafe, since it contains hazardous materials and methane.

British Airways, with offices scattered around the Heath-

row area, is preparing for a battle over plans to build its new corporate headquarters near Heathrow, in London's green belt

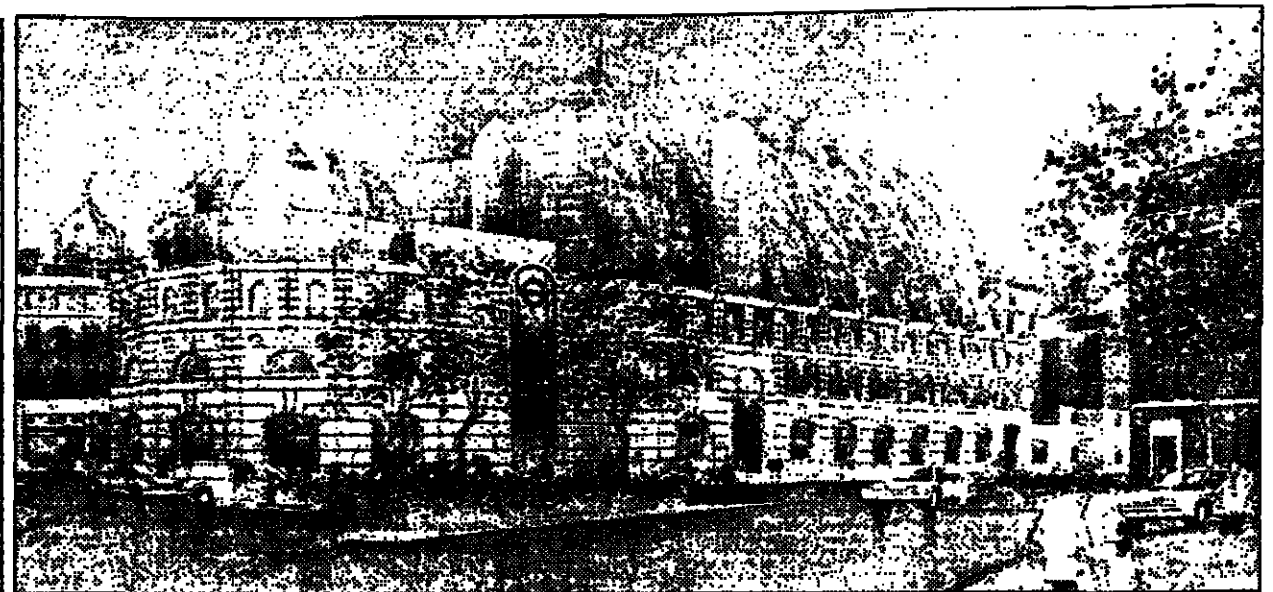
deal for a former Greater London Council site which had been taken over by Surrey County Council, but the council finally refused. He says that the development will "transform the character of a derelict and contaminated site, by making it safe and opening up the greater part to public access". It is envisaged that the offices, up to four storeys high, would take up to one third of the area, leaving the remainder to be landscaped, providing a riverside park for the local community with paths along the banks of the River Colne, and staff recreational facilities in part of the parkland.

British Airways has had informal talks about the project with Hillingdon Borough Council, which has pointed out the fact that it is on green belt land, and

submitted a planning application last month. The airline accepts that it is likely to be turned down and is preparing to appeal, which in turn will probably lead to a public inquiry next year.

If the plan is finally approved, the building is due for first occupation in 1992 and completion in 1993, and it is estimated that the cost will be £20 million for excavating, making the land safe and landscaping, £30 million for construction and £30 million for fitting out.

British Airways is holding an architectural competition for its design. It has drawn up an international shortlist of six architects — the American firm Skidmore Owings & Merrill, Norwegian Niels Torp, Arup Associates, Sheppard Robson, Terry Farrell, and Holder Mathias Alcock — and hopes to have outline designs by July. "People are sceptical about developers, but we are not speculative developers seeking a profit and going away," Rees-Jones says. "We shall be here for a long time and want to include the local community in our scheme."



A consortium of three of the UK's top developers has joined with London Underground to produce plans for a composite development of shops, offices and residential units above a new underground station at South Kensington. After 24 months of consultations, Rosehagh Copartnership Developments, AMEC Properties and Tarmac Properties (Home Counties), selected by London Underground in May 1987, have submitted a detailed planning application to the Royal Borough of

Kensington and Chelsea. The plans include 58,600 square feet of offices, 52,400 square feet of shops and 137 residential units. The construction is estimated to cost £65 million, with a capital value on completion of £140 million. The project includes improvements to the Underground station, and it is hoped to start work early next year, with completion in 30 months, during which time the station, entrances and ticketing will be moved to minimize disruption to travellers.

IN THE MARKET

lands, in the east of the City. The first Waterlinks scheme is a nine-acre business village at Aston Cross.

● The Marylebone Estates Company will shortly complete the latest in a series of developments in Smithfields, London EC1. Marylebone House, in St John Street, adjoins The Charterhouse and provides 17,500 square feet of offices. The site was formerly

occupied by a derelict property and purchased by the company for £700,000 in 1987.

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Agents for the development are Ian Lerner & Co and Jarvis Keller.

● The First International Property Trust, which was launched last September by the international property consultants Sallmans, has made its latest purchase in central London, paying more than £20.5 million for Lincoln House in High Holborn, London WC1, an eight-storey property with more than 40,000 square feet of shops and offices.

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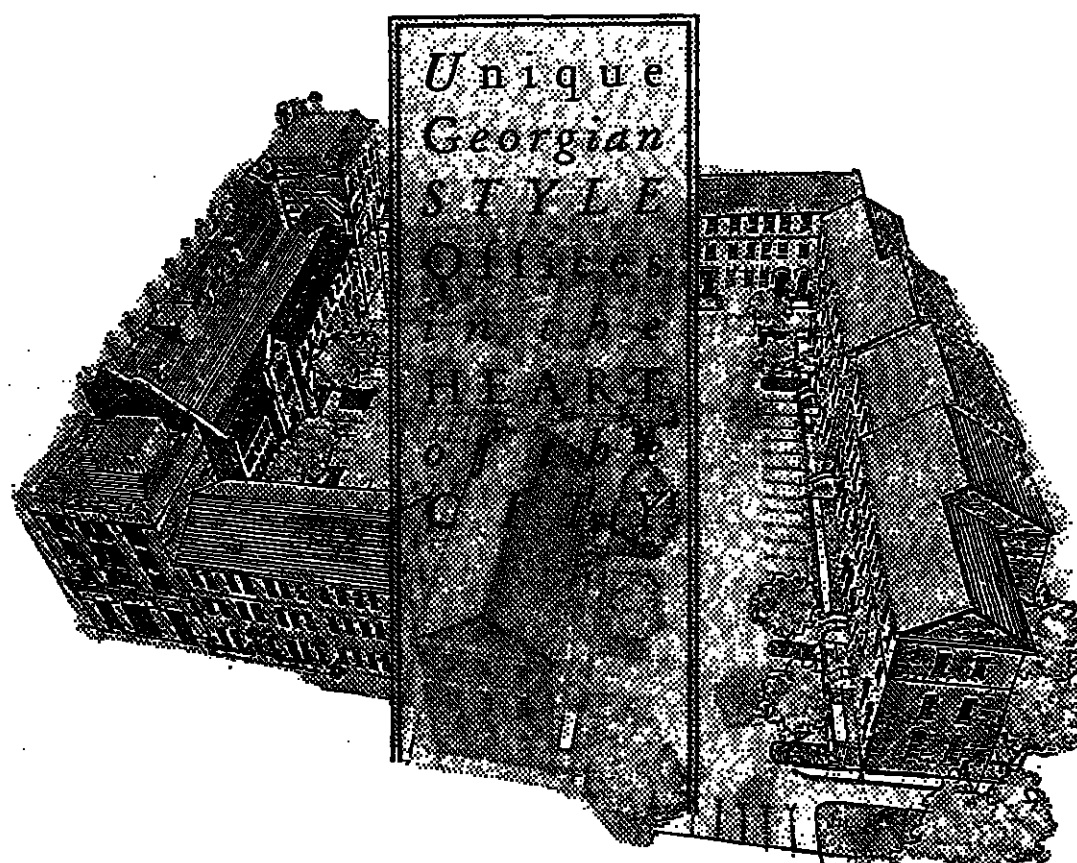
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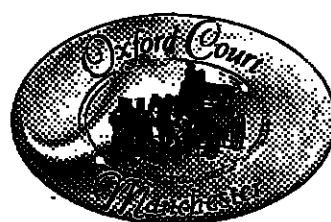
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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Swift sales for private estates

Buyers are still prepared to pay millions for the best addresses

Earlier this month, the Druids Lodge Estate in Wiltshire, extending to more than 3,000 acres, was sold within one week of coming on to the market (through Knight Frank & Rutley) with a guide price of more than £10 million.

Last month Savills sold seven important country houses for around £19 million, at an average price of £2.75 million. The market is still hot and three "discreetly" the agents explain that some sellers and buyers at this level of the market prefer a sale without publicity, and the buyers are prepared to pay a premium of 15-20 per cent for the privilege. "It only really works to best advantage with properties of so-called prime nature, usually a period house, 25-100 acres, privacy and seclusion, but still with convenience by road or rail - within one and half hours of central London, usually in the sought-after western corridor."

These are examples of a country house market which



On the market - at a notable price: (from left) Hardingham Grove in Norfolk; Caission House, a small country estate near Bath; and Swaffield House, north of Norwich

has not been brought to a standstill by high interest rates, and Savills says that while the effect of continuing interest rate increases may be beginning to have an impact in the middle market, the top end remains uncashed.

Geoffrey van Cutsem, chairman of Savills' residential division, says that country house prices seem strongest west of London and in the north, especially Scotland, while East Anglia appears to be suffering a slight hangover from the particularly strong market in 1988. During last year's prices in East Anglia increased by around 40 per cent, according to Savills' latest country house price guide, values there for both cottages and medium-size

houses (five or six bedrooms, one to five acres) have not moved since last autumn, taking inflation into account, that means a reduction. The same applies to the large country house (six to 10 bedrooms and up to 20 acres) in Norfolk and Suffolk, although in Essex and Cambridgeshire these have showed a modest increase.

For the moment, then, it appears that the spectacular price rises in East Anglia (the result of improved rail and road communications and relatively cheap prices as people accepted the need to look beyond the Home Counties and commute further) are over. For Jackson-Stops & Staff, this is no bad thing. It reports that the market con-

tinues to thrive, albeit at a slower pace, and the return of more stable market conditions has enabled purchasers to be more discerning and to make decisions without feeling that they are being stampeded into buying the first possible house they come across.

Consequently there is a wide choice of property on the market. Savills' Norfolk office with Arnold Son & Hockley of Norwich, are offering Swaffield House at Swaffield, north of Norwich, an elegant Grade II listed Georgian house in about 10 acres, with a range of outbuildings and a productive vineyard, for around £400,000. They also have on their books Bergh Apton Manor, an early 19th-century

Grade II listed country house, set in 36 acres, six miles south of Norwich. It has three reception rooms and nine bedrooms, and an asking price of around £750,000. By contrast, Savills is selling a traditional flint cottage at Stiffkey on the north Norfolk coast - offers around £170,000 - which dates from 1820 and has three reception rooms and three-four bedrooms.

There are two other estates on the market in Norfolk. The Hackford Hall Estate is a residential, agricultural and sporting estate of about 1,000 acres. At the heart of the estate is a Grade II listed Georgian house, with 17th-century origins, and the guide price for the estate, to be sold through

the London agents Egerton and Thomas William Gaze of Diss is more than £2.5 million.

Hardingham Grove at Hardingham, Norfolk, is on a more modest scale. The Grade II listed house dates back to the mid-16th century, and has a Flemish style gable and bell tower. Later enlarged, and now renovated, Hardingham Grove has five reception rooms and 11 bedrooms, and stands in 25 acres. Strutt & Parker's Norfolk office is asking around £350,000.

An indication of the increase in prices over the generations, if it were needed, comes from Cluttons in Bath, who are marketing Caission House, a small country estate

IN THE MARKET

● Grosvenor Estate Restoration has completed its sixth scheme with the renovation of a cottage in Caroline Terrace, Belgrave, a street built in 1834 by Samuel Arbuthnot, a Plimco builder. The cottage has been extended and has three bedrooms, two reception rooms and a garden room with a conservatory, and is for sale at £595,000 through Friend and Falcke.

● The former lifeboat house overlooking the beach at Shingle Street, a fisherman's hamlet near Woodbridge, Suffolk, with fine views all round, makes an unusual home for sale. Standing close to two Martello Towers, one of which has been converted into residential use, the Lifeboat House was converted about 10 years ago by the present owner, a local architect. It has a 36-foot living room, studio or ground floor bedroom, and two bedrooms on the first floor. Strutt & Parker's Ipswich office is asking around £160,000.

● Reddyford Mill is a 17th-century former mill at Trenegow, near Llanestyn, Cornwall, which stands in one and a half acres of gardens and a paddock. The lounge contains what is believed to be the original working beam for the mill, and the renovated house has a dining-room and three bedrooms. The gardens are bounded on one side by a stream, and the house is for sale at £179,500 through the Tavistock office of Miller and Company.

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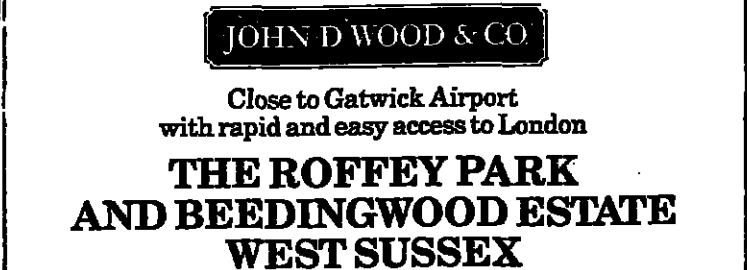
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Curran's hundred is in vain as holders display form of old

Curran has always revelled in saving lost causes, though, and he was soon striking the ball cleanly and had two sixes against Illingworth and Radford in his first 50. He was 32 when Gloucestershire lost their seventh wicket and Graveney became the first of the tailenders to give him support.

Lawrence, to his credit, remained unperturbed against bowlers who were wilting in the gruelling sunshine. At last Neale turned to Illingworth and his fourth ball brought

Extras (to 2, 10, 7, 6, 10, 11) _____ 56
Total _____ 257
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-36, 3-44, 4-48,
5-82, 6-115, 7-116, 8-154, 9-204.
BOWLING: Radford 27-6-88-2; Newport
26-8-73-6; Illingworth 13.4-2-53-2;
Fridgen 13.5-30-1; Weston 1-0-4-0.
Umpires: P J Eale and D O O'Sear.

"I knew we had a good batting side before the start of the season, but the bowling didn't seem to be quite strong enough. But we have bowled straight and that is half the battle."

Perfect nose: Roebuck in fine start but soon throttles back

Astaphan claims Johnson was warned for years

On October 13, 1987, complainant was diagnosed with an enlarged, tender left breast, which was probably caused by taking hormonal drugs.

Astaphan said that on August 28, 1988 a test in Toronto on the

"It is the responsibility of physicians to see that to the best of their ability their patients do not get themselves into harm," he said.

Carved up by Butcher

Yorkshire foiled by early setbacks

By John Woodcock

Warwickshire did not know quite where to bowl at him, even though he was always giving them a chance. He was dismissed once at second slip on 14.

After playing on Wednesday as though he had discovered the magic formula, Moxon was now out to the first ball of Yorkshire's second innings, well caught in the gully, a low down and left-handed When Metcalfe

D L Bailsdown	not out	101
I G Swallow	Ali Khan	5
P Carrick	B Medlicott	15
A Sidebottom	not out	12
Extras	(to 6, lb 8)	14
Total (6 wickets)		217

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-34, 3-54, 4-110, 5-143, 6-177.

BOWLING: Murphy 24-2-73-2; Fotherham 12-2-21-0; Thorpe 10-1-34-2; Medlicott 19-4-72-1; Ali Khan 2-0-3-1.

Umpires: J C Belderstone and D G I. Extras.

Somerset ambition is quickly blunted

by Essex in gathering momentum. The match runs became a fond but distant memory. What with a strange spell at the end of their innings when the match was out for a declaration, Somerset earned few marks for initiative.

Essex, on the other hand, were full of bounce and energy. They resumed their

R J Bartlett bow b Mott _____
 C J Tavaré b Waugh _____
 R J Harden run out _____
 I N D Burns not out _____
 Extras (p 2, nb 3) _____
 Total (4 wickets) _____ 1

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-27, 3-86,
 109.
 BOWLING: Lever 5-0-21-0; Mott 10-3-28-0
 Childs 16-8-14-0; Miller 14-8-25-0; Waugh
 5-1-25-1.
 Umpires: P B Wright and D S Thompson

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Hall survives heat but Smith cannot

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J J Whitmore c Parks b James 3
L Potter c Parks b Marshall 1
J D R Benson b James
C C Lewis c Nicholas b James
1P Whitcase c Marshall b James
G J Persons c Parks b Marshall 2
J P Agnew b Marshall
G J F Ferris not out
Extras (lb 1, nb 1)

James displays his devastating form

Batting	M	I	No	R
S J Cook	6	12	2	774
A P Wells	4	7	2	385
R A Smith	6	9	0	655
I A Graig	7	11	6	353
J P Stephenson	8	10	3	480
D W Randall	7	11	5	382

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100*	1	1	63.66

Over	Mid	Rans	Wk	BS
140.4	36	279	24	5-38
102.5	26	270	23	5-30
138.1	41	297	24	4-14
101.5	43	166	13	4-82
140.4	45	319	23	4-23
180.5	43	452	32	7-86

hardened few Warwickshire will have only five capped players in their side for the three-day match against the Australian touring team.

The four-chukka medium-goal Dollar Cup tournament opened at Ambersham, Sussex, yes-

Sandown Park
Going: firm
6.30 (5f) 1. Plain Fact (G Duffield, 5-1);
Great Chaddington (4-1) ft-fav; 3. Another
Rhythm (4-1) ft-fav. Curmudgeon Express 4-
ft-fav. 9 ran. NR: Chaplins Club. 11, 21.

Uttoxeter

Going: firm
 6.30 (2m hole) 1. Temple Reef (J Low)
 11-4; 2. Quayside Bay (86-1); 3. Parsons
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G Broad	6	12	2	215
R T Robinson	7	14	3	241
D Gower	4	8	1	674
P M Roberts	6	12	2	544
G A Hick	7	13	3	505
S A Gough	4	7	0	366
G D Mendis	6	12	1	575
D Selden	7	13	3	519
P A Nissie	5	10	3	254
R A Hoggard	8	17	1	445
T R Ward	6	12	1	331
D Ripley	6	9	2	326
P W Tarry	6	11	1	430
N Morris	6	9	0	412

Qualification: 6 Inn, 200 runs, ave 45.77

PASTEST CENTURY: 81 balls, A. C. Leakestone at Northampton

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ONE-DAY

England - batting and fielding

	M	INO	Runs
A J Lamb	3	1	135
G A Gough	3	0	125
D Gower	3	0	125
R A Smith	3	0	89
M A Watling	3	0	89
I T Bostons	3	3	37
D R Pringle	3	1	34
P A J Deane	3	1	32
P A Foster	3	1	10
S J Rhodes	3	2	1
N A Foster	3	1	5

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
J E Emburey	30.0	0	159	6
P A Foster	23.0	0	127	3
P A Foster	22.0	6	107	4
D R Pringle	22.0	5	123	3
I T Bostons	22.1	0	133	2

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15.0	32	471	35
12.0	41	287	10
12.0	40	356	20
10.0	35	236	18
10.0	35	263	13
9.0	41	282	19
9.0	35	236	14
8.0	41	355	17
7.0	41	342	21

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 16.0 24 231 13 5-20
 15.0 32 428 25 3-30
 15.0 32 471 35 6-43
 12.0 41 287 10 4-57
 12.0 40 356 20 6-70
 10.0 35 236 18 6-52
 10.0 35 263 13 5-77
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AVERAGES

batting and fielding

	B	R	INO	RNS	HS	100	50	AVG
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3	3	3	3	3	0	96	58	1
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2	2	2	2	2	0	6	6	0
3	3	3	3	3	0	1	1	0
3	3	3	3	3	1	0	0	0

	O	M	R	W	BS	CS	20	AVG
0	0	0	0	0	112	5	338	22.68
0	0	0	0	0	120	5	235	22.50
0	0	0	0	0	129	3	233	42.40
0	0	0	0	0	123	3	348	47.80
0	0	0	0	0	122	3	345	54.00

R J J Marsipore 4-10-14; T M Moody 15-10-14

16.26	Edgborough today, Donald, the	
16.27	country's leading wicket taker,	
17.17	replaced by Merrick, who was	
19.13	Small and Smith are both	
20.19	injured.	
20.19	Kallicharran and Thorne were	
20.22	be other absentees from the	
20.22	defeated by Mitchell's	
20.23	terribly, Jason Ratcliffe, says	
20.25	an opening batsman, is included	
20.25	and Roger Twose, an	
20.26	debater, will make his first-class	
20.26	debut.	
20.26	● Javed Miandad is to receive	
20.26	appointment in London for	
20.26	injured back which has left him	
20.26	out of action since the end of	
20.26	January and prevented him	
20.26	from fulfilling his professional	
20.26	contract with the Lancashire	
20.26	League club, Preston.	
20.26	● Miandad incurred the injury	
20.26	while having a workout in the	
20.26	field minutes before the start	
20.26	of the first one-day match	
20.26	Christchurch, when he skidded	
20.26	on a wet patch in the field at	
20.26	— was carried off on a stretcher.	
20.26	● Pakistan and Sri Lanka have	
20.26	confirmed their participation	
20.26	in the Nehru Cup centenary	
20.26	championships to be held from	
20.26	October 23 to November 12	
20.26	at different cities of India. The	
20.26	entries of India and England	
20.26	have already been confirmed.	

HANG GLIDING

Pendry takes second round

John Pendry, the European champion, won the second round of the British League in Llandnam, Wales, after the British champion, Robbi Wital, failed to complete his 50-mile speed race to complete the Correspondent writes.

After a close struggle from Cordon Hill in Montgomeryshire to Talgarth Lakes, Pendry edged out Jess Flynn by nine seconds and just 25 points victory.

American Nelson third. Judy Lederer, the women's world champion continued her good form by being the first woman home to complete the course.

**7.20 (2m 41 ch), Squalium (Mir R Tate,
T. J. Ancochea) (86-11). Cuts Rhymen
lar. Only two finished. G.S. M.
Burnshaw. Space Gee
Whensnewkicks. T Hughes.
£4.95; £1.60, £17.40. DF: £324.20. CS:
£32.06.**

**7.30 (2m 41 ch 1, Whitpain Bay
Heron, 100-30). 2, Dance The Blues (2-
1). Alarms Peal (B-11). Taser. B, £24.50.
MR: Spring Pauper. Broad Bern.
Mackie. Total: £4.20; £1.80, £3.20, £2.50.
DF: £26.70.**




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Sussex's deputy captain foils Lancashire's bid

By Martin Searby

AIGBUTH: Lancashire (4pts) drew with Sussex (6) Lancashire retain their lead at the top of the Britannic Assurance county cricket championship, although they failed to make 316 from 68 overs, in an enthralling finale ended up narrowly saving the game.

Twice the initiative lay with Lancashire's batsmen and both times it was seized back from them by the Sussex seamers, although Salisbury, the leg spinner, again played a key role in the day's events. Used to first contain and then to keep the batsmen interested he showed a maturity beyond his years as he kept his head under fire from Jesty.

It was almost inconceivable that this was his first championship game and at the end he was bamboozling the tail as Sussex, under the cosh for most of the afternoon, pressed for victory.

After a sporting declaration at lunch, when Sussex had scored 131 in 36 overs, and Mendis and Fowler were totally in command against the new ball with the right-hander striking it with certainty and his partner, as usual, busily nudging the runs which provided the basis for a late surge.

The century partnership arrived in the 28th over and 184 were needed from the last 30 overs when Fowler was caught behind attacking a very wide ball. Mendis, having struck eight boundaries in 84 from 122 deliveries, followed in the same way, this one a spectacu-

lar, one-handed diving catch. Hegg, the home wicketkeeper, played on and going into the last 20 overs, Lancashire required 156 with seven wickets in hand. Jesty, the hero of the win at Taunton, now set about Salisbury, taking 16 off an over which included two fine sweeps and a powerful back foot drive.

With Fairbrother taking a boundary off Pigott with an exquisite square drive, Lancashire were once more in

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	N	Pts
Lancashire (5)	7	3	0	2	0	87
Nottinghamshire (7)	6	3	1	0	2	77
Northamptonshire (10)	5	3	1	1	0	77
Sussex (5)	5	3	1	1	0	75
Warwickshire (15)	4	3	1	1	0	75
Worcestershire (10)	4	3	1	1	0	75
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